

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(73rd Meeting)

4th March 2011PART A

All members were present, with the exception of: Senator F.E. Cohen, Minister for Planning and Environment; Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development; Deputy A.E. Pryke, Minister for Health and Social Services, and Deputy I.J. Gorst, Minister for Social Security, from whom apologies had been received.

Senator T.A. Le Sueur, Chief Minister
 Senator P.F. Routier, Assistant Minister for Economic Development
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources
 Senator B.I. Le Marquand, Minister for Home Affairs
 Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Minister for Transport and Technical Services
 Deputy J.G. Reed, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture
 Deputy A.E. Jeune, Assistant Minister for Social Security
 Deputy E.J. Noel, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services
 Deputy A.K.F. Green, M.B.E, Minister for Housing

In attendance -

J. Richardson, Deputy Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 T.J. Le Cocq, Q.C, H.M. Attorney General
 J. Morris, Policy and Research Manager
 M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States
 I. Clarkson, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A and Part B.

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A1. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A1 of 17th February 2011, reviewed the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly during the remainder of the First Session of 2011. Particular consideration was given to the propositions listed below.

Draft Loi (No. 7) (201-) concernant la charge de Juge d’Instruction (P.148/2010)

The Council re-affirmed its endorsement of the proposition.

Ratification of a Double Taxation Agreement between the States of Jersey and the Government of Estonia (P.7/2011)

The Council affirmed its endorsement of the proposition.

Ratification of the Agreement for the Exchange of Information relating to Tax Matters between the Government of Jersey and the Government of Canada (P.8/2011)

The Council affirmed its endorsement of the proposition.

Geneva Conventions: Additional Protocol III – extension to Jersey (P.9/2011)

The Council affirmed its endorsement of the proposition.

Draft Public Elections (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.14/2011)

Having noted that the matter for debate was not one on which it would normally seek to form a collective view, the Council agreed that individual Ministers should make their views known during the debate and vote accordingly.

Importation of Fireworks in 2007 for a Charity Event: investigation (P.21/2011)

The Council noted that the Ministers for Economic Development, Home Affairs and Planning and Environment were engaged in the production of a comprehensive factual comment for presentation to the States.

Elected members' access to information: media releases (P.22/2011)

The Council, having come to the view that adoption of the proposition would add unnecessary complexity to the practice of issuing embargoed media releases, resolved to oppose the proposition and delegated to the Chief Minister authority to approve for presentation to the States a suitable comment.

States Strategic Plan: annual debate on progress (P.27/2011)

The Council, having recalled that the Comptroller and Auditor General had resolved to publish a variation of the Annual Performance Report, and having concluded that the proposer of the proposition had confused the Annual Performance Report with the Strategic Plan Progress Report, resolved to oppose the proposition. In this regard it delegated to the Chief Minister authority to approve for presentation to the States a suitable comment.

States of Jersey Development Company Limited: appointment of Chairman and Non-Executive Directors (P.32/2011)

The Council, having acknowledged the particularly high calibre of the prospective Non-Executive Chairman and Directors, warmly endorsed the proposition.