

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(46th Meeting)

7th April 2011PART A

All members were present with the exception of Deputy A.E. Pryke, Minister for Health and Social Services, from whom apologies had been received.

Senator T.A. Le Sueur, Chief Minister
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources
 Senator F.E. Cohen, Minister for Planning and Environment
 Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development
 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 I.J. Gorst, 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 -

W.D. Ogley, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 L. Rowley, Treasurer of the States (for item B2)
 G.C. Powell, CBE, Adviser – International Affairs (for item B3)
 W. Martin, Director of Tax Policy (for item B3)
 A. Rogers, Head of Financial Performance Reporting, Treasury and Resources Department (for item B2)
 T. Murphy, Research and Project Officer (for a time)
 J. Norris, Research and Project Officer (for a time)
 I. Clarkson, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

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

Minutes

A1. The Minutes of the meetings held on 18th March (Part B only) and 24th March 2011 (Parts A and B), having been circulated previously, were taken as read and were confirmed.

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 business.
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A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 31st March 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 Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2010 (P.39/2011) and Freedom of Information: Implementation Plan (P.41/2011)

The Council noted that draft comments to both propositions would be submitted for consideration at its next scheduled meeting and that the comment to the latter proposition would include details of the envisaged capital and revenue costs that would arise following a decision to implement the draft Freedom of Information (Law) 201- by 2015. In this regard, the Council acknowledged that funding for

implementation of the draft Law would necessarily feature within the forthcoming business plan for 2012 as a new spending pressure.

Draft Christmas Bonus (Jersey) Law 201- (P.43/2011)

The Council endorsed the proposition.

Health and Safety Appeal Tribunal: appointment of members (P.46/2011)

The Council endorsed the proposition.

Planning Applications Panel: appointment of Members (P.50/2011)

The Council endorsed the proposition and noted that it would regularise the appointment of certain members whose terms of office had already expired.

Constitution for Jersey (P.52/2011)

The Council formed the provisional view that adoption of the proposition would set in train a requirement for the States to make an extensive number of potentially very far-reaching in-principle decisions in order to steer the development of a written constitution. It agreed that the Law Officers' Department should be requested to advise on the detailed constitutional implications arising in order that a suitably worded draft comment could be prepared for consideration by the Council as soon as practicable.