

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(87th Meeting)

16th June 2011PART A

All members were present, with the exception of Senator T.A. Le Sueur, Chief Minister; Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development; and Deputy J.G. Reed, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, from whom apologies had been received.

Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources
 Senator F.E. Cohen, Minister for Planning and Environment
 Senator B.I. Le Marquand, Minister for Home Affairs
 Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Minister for Transport and Technical Services
 Deputy A.E. Pryke, Minister for Health and Social Services
 Deputy I.J. Gorst, Minister for Social Security
 Deputy A.K.F. Green, M.B.E, Minister for Housing

In attendance -

Connétable K.P. Vibert of St. Ouen, Chairman, Comité des Connétables
 Senator P.F. Routier, M.B.E, Assistant Minister for Economic Development
 Connétable J.M. Refault of St. Peter, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources
 Deputy A.T. Dupré, Assistant Minister for Education, Sport and Culture
 Deputy T.A. Vallois, Assistant Minister for Education, Sport and Culture
 J. Richardson, Interim Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 J. Morris, Policy and Research Manager
 J. Norris, Project and Research Officer
 Ms. T. Murphy, Project and Research Officer
 M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States
 T.J. Le Cocq, Q.C., H.M. Attorney General
 P. Monamy, Acting 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 5th May, 19th May and 26th May 2011 (all Part A and Part B), having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Senator P.F. Routier: award of M.B.E. - congratulations

A2. The Council offered its congratulations to Senator P.F. Routier M.B.E. following his recognition in the recently announced H.M. The Queen's Birthday Honours.

States business.
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A3. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 26th May 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 following propositions -

- (a) **Island Plan 2011: approval (P.48/2011, amendments, and amendments to amendments)** - The Council, with Mr. A. Scate, Chief Executive Officer, Planning and Environment Department in attendance, considered the draft Island Plan brought by the Minister for Planning and Environment, as well as the amendments proposed thereto, and the position which had been adopted by the Minister in relation to them. In particular, the Council considered amendments in relation to the housing section of the draft Island Plan (Amendments 27 and 37(5)) which sought to defer or withdraw the implementation of a revised housing policy. It was agreed that, in the event that those amendments were to be adopted, it would amount to a failure of the States Assembly to deal with the serious housing challenges faced by the Island. The Council recalled that the Strategic Plan clearly outlined a commitment to meet the Island's affordable housing needs, and it agreed to urge States members to reject those amendments. The Council commended the rigorous work of the Environment Department in bringing forward the Island Plan and all those who had contributed to the consultation process. The Minister for Planning and Environment indicated that he was imminently to announce the mechanism of the principles of a new method of calculating land values which would assist in the provision of affordable housing in the Island;
- (b) **Draft Food Costs Bonus (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.65/2011)** - the Council agreed that it supported the draft Regulations;
- (c) **Draft Medical Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.71/2011)** - the Council agreed that it supported the draft Regulations;
- (d) **Valerie Band House: therapeutic workshop (P.80/2011)** - the Council, having considered a draft of the comment of the Minister for Health and Social Services, recognised that whilst the Report which had been lodged 'au Greffe' by Deputy G.P. Southern referred to a Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) saving of £45,000 associated with the proposal to close the furniture project at St. Saviour's Hospital, because this sum had already been deducted from the Health and Social Services Department's 2011 budget the saving was now evaluated at £17,000 and was not the principal reason for the suggested closure. It was recognised that, consequently, in the event that the proposition were to be adopted the further saving of £17,000 would have to found from elsewhere within that department's budget;
- (e) **Draft Medicines (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.94/2011)** - the Council agreed that it supported the draft Regulations;
- (f) **Draft Medical Practitioners (Registration) (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.106/2011)** - the Council, with Dr. S. Turnbull, Acting Medical Officer of Health in attendance, agreed that it supported the draft Regulations and noted that the draft Law would replace an existing Law which was considered to be out of date and which no longer reflected the requirements of the General Medical Council in a number of respects.