

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(89th Meeting)

30th June 2011**PART A**

All members were present, with the exception of Senator F.E. Cohen, Minister for Planning and Environment and Deputy I.J. Gorst, Minister for Social Security, from whom apologies had been received.

Senator T.A. Le Sueur, Chief Minister (with the exception of item A3)
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources (with the exception of item B2)
 Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development (with the exception of item A3)
 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 C.H. Egré, Assistant Minister for Planning and Environment
 Deputy A.E. Pryke, Minister for Health and Social Services
 Deputy A.E. Jeune, Assistant Minister for Social Security
 Deputy A.K.F. Green, M.B.E, Minister for Housing

In attendance -

Deputy E.J. Noel, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources
 J. Richardson, Interim Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 T.J.Le Cocq, Q.C., H.M. Attorney General
 L. Rowley, Treasurer of the States (for items B1 and B2)
 C. Anderson, Team Leader, Comprehensive Spending Review (for item B1)
 C. Haws, Head of Financial Planning, Treasury and Resources Department (for item B1)
 R. Jouault, Deputy Chief Officer, Health and Social Services Department (for items B2 and B3)
 J. Norris, Policy and Research Officer
 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.

Minutes.

A1. The Minutes of the meetings held on 13th June (Part A only) and 16th June 2011 (Parts A and B), having been circulated previously, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Senator A.J.H. Maclean was not present for this item.

States
 business.
 1240/7/1(1)

A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. B1 of 23rd June 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 Control of Housing and Work (Jersey) Law 201- and Draft Register of Names and Addresses (Jersey) Law 201- (P.37 and P.38/2011)

The Council reaffirmed its full support for the propositions and endorsed draft comments of the Chief Minister opposing 2 amendments lodged '*au Greffe*' by Deputy S. Power of St. Brelade.

Draft Income Tax (Amendment No. 38) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.79/2011)

The Council reaffirmed its firm support for the proposition.

Uplifts in land values: Land Development Tax or equivalent mechanism(s) (P.90/2011)

The Council reaffirmed its opposition to the proposition. Having noted that a working party was being established to assist with development of policies H1 and H3 of the newly approved Island Plan 2011, and having concluded that the Island Plan policies would be inherently more capable of delivering affordable homes for Island residents, delegated to the Chief Minister authority to finalise a suitable comment for presentation to the States.

Goods and Services Tax: exemption or zero-rating for health foods (P.81/2011)

The Council broadly endorsed a draft comment opposing the proposition and delegated to the Chief Minister authority to present a suitably finalised comment to the States.

Council of Ministers' meetings: public access (P.103/2011)

The Council approved a comment confirming its intention to oppose the proposition on the basis that facilitating public access would, in practice, impede good government.

Migration and Population Policy: Review (P.104/2011)

The Council remained confident that existing population and immigration targets would be met over the relevant period. On that basis it broadly endorsed a draft comment opposing the proposition and delegated to the Chief Minister authority to present a suitably finalised comment to the States.

Disciplinary and grievance hearings: right to a friend (P.112/2011)

The Council noted that the States Employment Board was due to consider the proposition on 1st July 2011.

School Milk: restoration of funding (P.115/2011)

The Council confirmed its intention to oppose the proposition and endorsed a draft comment to be presented to the States by the Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Chief Minister: Vote of Censure (P.116/2011)

The Council, having reaffirmed its unqualified support for the Chief Minister and, having noted acknowledged that the report accompanying the proposition cited matters of political conduct rather than any specific concerns regarding the behaviour of the Chief Minister, resolved to present a brief comment to the States confirming its position.

Roads and Pavements: legal liability in case of negligence (P.75/2011)

The Council noted and endorsed the intentions of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services and the Minister for Treasury and Resources to present comments opposing the proposition.

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Island Plan
2011.
868(37)

A3. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. B3 of 26th May 2011, recalled that on 29th June 2011 the States had adopted the Island Plan 2011, as amended (P.48/2011 refers). It further recalled that on 30th June 2011 the States had adopted the North St. Helier Masterplan (P.73/2011 refers).

The Council warmly congratulated the Minister for Planning and Environment for having steered the States through two particularly complex policy propositions. It also placed on record its sincere thanks to the Chief Officer, Environment Department and his policy team for their assistance in developing the new Island Plan and the North of St. Helier Masterplan, H.M. Attorney General for having provided critical legal advice and the States Greffe for its assistance in structuring the necessary debates.

Senators T.A. Le Sueur and A.J.H. Maclean were not present for this item.

States of
Jersey Police:
capital project.
1060/229(2)

A4. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. B1 of 16th June 2011, noted that on 30th June 2011 the Minister for Treasury and Resources had made a statement to the States confirming the intention to purchase Lime Grove House, Green Street, St. Helier for use by the States of Jersey Police. A corresponding report had also been presented to the States in accordance with Standing Order 168.