

IC/SC/061

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(9th Meeting)

16th February 2012PART A

All members were present, with the exception of: Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources; Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development; and, Deputy P.J.D. Ryan, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture from whom apologies had been received.

Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister
 Senator B.I. Le Marquand, Minister for Home Affairs
 Senator F. du H. Le Gresley, M.B.E., Minister for Social Security
 Deputy R.C. Duhamel, Minister for Planning and Environment
 Deputy A.E. Pryke, Minister for Health and Social Services
 Deputy K.C. Lewis, Minister for Transport and Technical Services
 Deputy E.J. Noel, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources
 Deputy A.K.F. Green, M.B.E, Minister for Housing
 Deputy J.P.G. Baker, Assistant Minister for Economic Development
 Deputy R.G. Bryans, Assistant Minister for Education, Sport and Culture

In attendance -

Senator P.F. Routier, Assistant Chief Minister
 Connétable J. Le S. Gallichan, Chairman, Comité des Connétables
 J. Richardson, Interim Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 L. Rowley, Treasurer of the States (for items B2 and B3)
 M. Entwistle, International Affairs and Policy Officer (for item B1)
 J. Marshall, Head of Strategic Planning (for items B2 and B3)
 G. Morel, Marine and Coastal Officer, Environment Department (for item B1)
 J. Norris, Research and Policy 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 meeting held on 26th January 2012, having been circulated previously, were taken as read and were confirmed.

States business. 1240/7/1(1) A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 9th February 2012, gave further consideration to the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly at the meeting commencing on 21st February 2012.

Regarding the report and proposition entitled: 'Annulment of Road Traffic (St. Helier) (Amendment No.23) (Jersey) Order 2011' (P.10/2012 refers), the Council noted that the Minister for Transport and Technical Services had received unequivocal advice from his department and that, having reviewed that advice, the Minister was minded to oppose the proposition on highway safety grounds.

The Council recommended that the Minister prepare a suitably revised Order

in accordance with P.10/2012 and make the same in the event that the States were to approve that proposition.

Assistant
Ministers:
engagement.
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A3. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A9 of 24th November 2011, recalled that it had committed to meeting with Assistant Ministers on a quarterly basis.

The Council welcomed the following additional Assistant Ministers to the meeting-

Senator L.J. Farnham, Assistant Minister for Home Affairs

Connétable J.M. Refault, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services and Housing

Deputy S.J. Pinel, Assistant Minister for Social Security

The following topics were discussed –

- (a) **circulation of agendas and minutes** – the Council agreed to consider circulating to all Assistant Ministers the full agendas and minutes of Council meetings once it had completed its review of the Code of Conduct for Ministers;
- (b) **procedure for adding items to the Council's agenda** – the meeting noted that Assistant Ministers were entitled to request that the Chief Minister add a particular item to the next agenda of the Council, albeit that matters falling within the remit of an individual Minister should first have been referred to that Minister for consideration;
- (c) **draft Strategic Plan** – Assistant Ministers were apprised of the Council's provisional intention to invite both Assistant Ministers and other States Members to sit on Ministerial oversight boards to oversee delivery of the approved strategic priorities;
- (d) **gateways governing access to public services** – the Council identified scope for long-term refinement and standardisation of rules governing access to public services. It was agreed in the first instance that there would be merit in departments conducting internal reviews and, where practicable, refining their own service gateways as part of the ongoing Comprehensive Service Review;
- (e) **Education, Sport and Culture Department: Information Technology curriculum** – the Council was pleased to note the existence of a series of pilot projects intended to enhance the computer programming skills of students in the Island's schools.

The Council thanked the Assistant Ministers for their attendance.