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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(13th Meeting)

12th April 2012**PART A**

All members were present, with the exception of 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 P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources
 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 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
 Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache, Assistant Chief Minister
 J. Richardson, Interim Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 T.J.Le Cocq, Q.C., H.M. Attorney General
 J. Garbutt, Chief Officer, Health and Social Services Department (for item A2)
 L. Rowley, Treasurer of the States (for items B1 and B2)
 P. Bradbury, Director of Corporate Policy (for item B3)
 S. Davis, Senior Assistant Statistician
 S. Duhamel, Policy and Strategy Director, Social Security Department (for item A2)
 Dr. D. Gibaut, Chief Statistician (for item B5)
 A. McLaughlin, Interim Hospital Director, Health and Social Services Department (for item A2)
 M. Washington, Consultant – Corporate Financial Strategy (for item B2)
 J. Morris, Policy and Research Manager (for a time)
 T. Murphy, Policy and Research Officer (for a time)
 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 the following dates, having been circulated previously, were taken as read and were confirmed –

16th February (Parts A and B),
 1st March (Parts A and B),
 9th March (Part A only), and
 15th March 2012 (Parts A and B).

Further to the foregoing, the Council authorised the Chief Minister to confirm the Part B Minutes of 9th March 2012 once a single amendment to item B3 had been made to clarify a technical matter relating to Income Support entitlement.

Senator P.F.C. Ozouf was not present for this item.

States
business.
1240/7/1(1)

A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. noted the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly during the First Session of 2012. Particular consideration was given to the propositions listed below.

Ratification of the Agreements for the Exchange of Information relating to Tax Matters between the Government of Jersey and the Governments of Japan, the Republic of Poland and the Republic of India (P.13 – P.15/2012)

The Council affirmed its endorsement of the propositions.

Prescription Charges and income support for primary health costs (P.20/2012)

The Council recalled that development of a White Paper concerning health and social service reform was already well advanced and was expected to propose significant changes to the primary care service delivery in particular. This work, which was being progressed in partnership with the Social Security Department and other key stakeholders, was expected to culminate in a States debate in the latter part of 2012. It was recognised that the matters raised in P.20/2012 would be addressed in due course and, further, that the reintroduction of prescription charges at the Hospital Pharmacy had already been declared within the Annual Business Plan 2012 as a measure intended, amongst other things, to encourage appropriate use of General Practitioner services. Moreover, the broader reintroduction of proportionate prescription charges was also being considered by the Social Security Department. Above all, the Council was concerned to note that the measures proposed by Deputy Southern would fall short of assisting the vulnerable and those with chronic health conditions. On the foregoing basis the Council delegated to the Minister for Health and Social Services and the Minister for Social Security the authority to approve a comment opposing the proposition for presentation to the States in the name of the Council.

Tourism Development Fund: assistance to the private sector (P.26/2012)

The Council endorsed the proposition.

Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme: revised scheme (P.27/2012)

The Council endorsed the proposition.

Ex gratia payment: Mr. D. Turner (P.37/2012)

The Council noted that the proposer had still to present to the States the promised addendum summarising the basis for his proposition.

Deputy A.K.F. Green, M.B.E. was not present for this item.

Draft Strategic
Plan 2012:
amendments.
1444/1(61)

A3. The Council agreed that it should meet on the morning of Thursday 19th April 2012 to consider any amendments to the draft Strategic Plan 2012 (P.28/2012 refers).

Senator P.F.C. Ozouf was not present for this item.