

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(59th Meeting)

28th October 2010PART A

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

Senator T.A. Le Sueur, Chief Minister
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources
 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 R.C. Duhamel, Assistant Minister for Planning and Environment
 Deputy J.G. Reed, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture
 Deputy A.E. Pryke, Minister for Health and Social Services
 Deputy S.S.P.A. Power, Minister for Housing
 Deputy I.J. Gorst, Minister for Social Security

In attendance -

W.D. Ogley, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 M. King, Chief Officer, Economic Development Department (for item B3)
 D. Greenwood, Assistant Director, Education, Sport and Culture Department (for item B4)
 R. Jouault, Deputy Chief Executive, Health and Social Services Department (for item B1)
 Mr G.C. Powell, CBE
 T. Roux, Director of Trading Standards, Economic Development Department (for item B3)
 T. Walker, Director – International Affairs (for item B1)
 J. Morris, Policy and Research Manager
 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.

A1. The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2010 (Parts A and B), having been circulated previously, were taken as read and were confirmed.

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A2. The Council reviewed the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly at the meeting commencing on 2nd November 2010. Particular consideration was given to the following –

- (a) **Draft Health Insurance Fund (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.125/2010)** - the Council endorsed the proposition;
- (b) **Reg's Skips Limited – Planning Applications (R.118/2010): compensation and further action (P.130/2010)** - the Council endorsed the comment presented to the States by the Minister for Planning and Environment and noted the intention of the Minister for

Treasury and Resources to present a comment to the States affirming that any *ex gratia* payment to Reg's Skips Limited made following the debate on P.130/2010 would need to be funded from the existing cash limit of the Planning and Environment Department;

- (c) **Minister for Planning and Environment: powers (P.132/2010)** – the Council noted the comment presented to the States by the Minister for Planning and Environment;
- (d) **Esplanade Quarter: deferment of works and endorsement of Development Agreement (P.136/2010)** - the Council delegated authority to the Chief Minister to approve a comment on behalf of the Council acknowledging the existing economic and planning controls on future development of the Esplanade Quarter following the decision of the States to constitute the States of Jersey Development Company and, further, confirming its opposition to part (c) of the proposition;
- (e) **Children (Jersey) Law 2002: appointment of children's guardians and advocates in certain court proceedings (P.137/2010)** – the Council, having concluded that the report accompanying the proposition provided insufficient justification for the proposed constraining of the Court's discretion, approved a comment opposing the proposition;
- (f) **Postal services: direction and guidance to the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (P.138/2010)** – the Council noted the intention of the Minister for Economic Development to comment on the proposition;
- (g) **Rent control: removal of exemptions (P.139/2010)** - the Council was advised that the Minister for Housing and officers from the Population Office had arranged to meet with Senator F. du H. Le Gresley to discuss the proposition lodged '*au Greffe*' by the latter. Senator B.I. Le Marquand, who had also expressed an interest in the subject matter of the proposition, had also been invited to attend. It was provisionally anticipated that Senator Le Gresley would consider requesting that the States re-list P.139/2010 for debate at the meeting commencing 16th November 2010; and
- (h) **Jersey Post: petition (P.140/2010)** - the Council noted that the Minister for Economic Development and the Minister for Treasury and Resources intended to comment on the proposition.