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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(67th Meeting)

29th January 2014**PART A**

All members were present, with the exception of Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development; Deputy P.J.D. Ryan, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture; and Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache, Minister for External Relations, from whom apologies for absence were 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 C.F. Labey. Assistant Minister for Economic Development

In attendance -

Senator P.F. Routier, M.B.E., Assistant to the Chief Minister
 J.D. Richardson, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States
 T. Le Cocq, Q.C., H.M. Attorney General
 L. Rowley, Treasurer of the States (for a time)
 P. Staley, Law Draftsman (for item B1)
 P. Bradbury, Director, Corporate Policy, Chief Minister's Department
 L. De Oliveira, Policy and Research Officer, Chief Minister's Department
 A. Plunkett-Cole, Acting Communications Manager
 P. Monamy, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A and Part B.

States
 business.
 1240/7/1(1)

A1. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A1 of 15th January 2014, noted the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly on 4th February 2014. Where indicated particular consideration was given to certain propositions listed below –

4th February 2014:

Public Elections: introduction of STV and AV (P.171/2013)

The Council recalled that the Privileges and Procedures Committee and the Comité des Connétables had presented comments on the proposition.

Law Officers' Department and members of the Law Society of Jersey: revised disciplinary process (P.152/2013)

The Council recalled that H.M. Attorney General had previously advised that a complete review of the disciplinary position of the whole legal profession was to

take place shortly and that he would be presenting a comment on the proposition shortly.

Draft European Union Legislation (Implementation) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.164/2013)

The Council supported the draft Law. It was noted that the Treasurer of the States was working with officers from the Education, Sport and Culture, and Health and Social Services departments and the States of Jersey Police, to establish the means by which any necessary legal advice could be provided to departments.

Maritime Security (Jersey) Order 201-: extension of provisions to Jersey (P.165/2013)

The Council supported the proposition.

Draft Amendment (No. 22) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey (P.167/2013)

The Council supported the draft Amendment.

Ratification of the Agreement on the Exchange of Information relating to Tax Matters between the Government of Jersey and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia (P.168/2013)

The Council supported the proposition.

Draft Taxation (Exchange of Information with Third Countries) (Amendment No. 9) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.169/2013).

The Council supported the proposition.

Interim
population
policy: Report
and
Proposition.
1444/4(30)

A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. B5 of 15th January 2014, discussed with the Director, Corporate Policy a draft Report and Proposition entitled "Interim population policy: 2014-2015" which asked the States to request the Chief Minister to apply the Control of Housing and Work (Jersey) Law 2012 to support a planning assumption for net migration.

The Council agreed that the proposition should be worded such that the planning assumption for net migration should be one "*of + 150 households per year, which equates to + 325 people per year, on average for the period 2014-2015. As outlined in the accompanying Report of the Council of Ministers dated 30th January 2014.*"

The Council noted that the "Financial and Manpower Implications" of the proposition were that the Interim Population Policy would require up to 2 additional Full-Time Equivalents (FTE) to support the increased levels of licence review, noting the intention to focus the Law in particular on businesses with above average permissions for their sector, which was expected to incur additional staff costs of up to £80,000. The financial and manpower implications were to be met within existing financial and manpower allocations.

The Council accordingly approved the projet and decided to lodge it 'au Greffe' on 30th January 2014 and to seek early consideration of the matter by the States.