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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(22nd Meeting)

7th June 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 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 R.G. Bryans, Assistant Minister for Education, Sport and Culture
 Deputy J.P.G. Baker, Assistant Minister for Economic Development

In attendance -

J.D. Richardson, Interim Chief Executive, States of Jersey (not present for item B1)
 T.J. Le Cocq, Q.C., H.M. Attorney General
 M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States (not present for item B1)
 M. Sinclair, Director of Human Resources (for item B1)
 Mrs. L. Rowley, Treasurer of the States (for items B2-B5)
 Mrs. W. Martin, Director - Tax Policy, States Treasury (for item B2 and B3)
 Ms. L. Reeve, Senior Manager – Tax Policy Unit, States Treasury (for item B2)
 A. Macleod, Finance Director, Taxes Office (for item B2)
 Ms. N. Moylan, Senior Manager – Tax Policy, States Treasury (for item B3)
 D. Le Cuirot, Acting Comptroller of Taxes (for items B2 and B3)
 Mrs. C. Anderson, Comprehensive Spending Review Team Leader, Chief Minister's Department (for item B4)
 Ms. T. Murphy, Project and Research Officer (not present for item B1)
 J. Norris, Project and Research Officer (not present for item B1)
 P. Monamy, 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 24th May 2012 (Part A and Part B), having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.
- States business. A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 30th May 2012, noted the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly during the remainder of the First Session of 2012. Particular consideration was
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given to the propositions listed below.

12th June 2012:

Standing Orders: Answers to Questions (P.30/2012)

The Council was generally supportive of the proposition.

States Members Remuneration Review Body – revised Terms of Reference (P.44/2012)

The Council endorsed the proposition.

Ex gratia payment: Mr. D. Turner (P.46/2012)

The Council, having recalled its stance on the proposition, noted that the further information requested from Mr. Turner's legal representative had not yet been made available. The Council considered it important that Mr. Turner should receive the ex gratia payment before the States meeting scheduled for 12th June 2012.

26th June 2012:

Draft Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.47/2012)

The Council endorsed the draft Regulations.

Statement made 'in camera' on 8th December 2008: release of transcript (P.48/2012)

The Council indicated that it would wish to give further consideration to this proposition in due course.

Income Support Medical Appeal Tribunal: appointment of members (P.49/2012)

The Council endorsed the proposition.

Disciplinary Panel for the Law Society of Jersey: re-appointment of lay members (P.50/2012)

The Council endorsed the proposition.

The Council considered the desirability for a 'tracked changes' version of draft legislation to be made available to States members to assist their consideration of such legislation in the Assembly. The Council recognised that the Law Draftsman, though prepared to assist in the production of such a version of draft legislation proceeding through the States Assembly, had indicated that the limited resources presently available to her department would preclude this being done routinely, without delaying other law drafting work, although it might be possible for some items of draft legislation to be dealt with in that way. It was accepted that the production of a 'tracked changes' version of draft legislation was not necessarily a straightforward matter given the potential complexities involved (e.g. the reference in some legislation to a number of other relevant enactments), and it was noted that this matter was to be discussed at a forthcoming meeting involving the Chief Minister and the Assistant Chief Minister (Senator Bailhache), the Interim Chief Executive, the Law Draftsman and the Greffier of the States.

Bus strike June
2012:
alternative
transportation
arrangements.
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A3. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services apprised the Council of the arrangements being made to provide alternative transportation services and advice in the event that a potential bus strike were to go ahead on Friday, 8th June 2012, and also on Thursday, 14th June and Monday, 18th June.

The Council recognised that arrangements were being made by the department for

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coaches to be available to transport children to and from schools during the strike, and that an Airport shuttle service was to be provided between 6 a.m. and 9.30 p.m.