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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(54th Meeting)

26th June 2013PART A

All members were present.

Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister (not present for item B6)  
 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  
 Senator F. du H. Le Gresley, M.B.E., Minister for Social Security  
 Deputy R.C. Duhamel, Minister for Planning and Environment  
 Deputy K.C. Lewis, Minister for Transport and Technical Services  
 Deputy A.K.F. Green, M.B.E, Minister for Housing  
 Deputy P.J.D. Ryan, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture  
 Connétable J.M. Refault of St. Peter, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services

In attendance -

Senator P.F. Routier, M.B.E., Assistant to the Chief Minister  
 Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache, Assistant to the Chief Minister (not present for items A1, B7 and B8)  
 J.D. Richardson, Chief Executive, States of Jersey  
 H. Sharp, Q.C., H.M. Solicitor General  
 T. Walker, Director of International Affairs, Chief Minister's Department (for item B1)  
 L. Rowley, Treasurer of the States (for items B2 and B3)  
 M. Keith, Project Manager, HSSD Programme Management Officer (CSR), Health and Social Services Department (for item B5)  
 R. Johnson, Assistant Director, Social Policy, Chief Minister's Department (for item B6)  
 J. Mews, Director – Finance Industry Development, Economic Development Department (for item B6)  
 G. Pearmain, Finance Industry Development, Chief Minister's Department (for item B6)  
 A. Marshall, Interim Information Manager, Chief Minister's Department (for item B8)  
 M. Bowron, Chief Officer of Police, Chairman, FOI Implementation Project Group (for item B8)  
 A. Scate, Chief Executive Officer, Planning and Environment Department (for items A1, B9 and B10)  
 A. Hamon, Policy and Research Officer  
 P. Monamy, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

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

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 business.  
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A1. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 12th June 2013, noted the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly during the remainder of the First Session 2013. Particular consideration was given

to the propositions listed below.

**Committee of Inquiry: costs for local businesses (P.31/2013)**

The Council, having noted that following discussion with the Minister for Economic Development it was understood that Senator A. Breckon would in due course seek to withdraw his proposition, with the intention of re-lodging it 'au Greffe' towards the end of 2013, agreed that it supported the approach being adopted by the Economic Development Department.

**Chief Minister and Chairman of Comité des Connétables: monthly meetings (P.51/2013)**

The Council recalled that it had previously agreed that it remained supportive of the comments which had been presented to the States by the Comité des Connétables and reaffirmed that it rejected the proposition.

**Draft Succession to the Crown (Jersey) Law 201- (P.57/2013)**

The Council, having recognised that the Assistant to the Chief Minister (Senator P.M. Bailhache) was to be absent from the Island on 2nd July 2013, noted that the Chief Minister intended to seek to defer consideration of the draft Bill until 16th July 2013.

**Ratification of the Convention between Jersey and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital (P.58/2013)**

Having noted that the Deputy Chief Minister would be undertaking the duties of the Chief Minister on 2nd July 2013, the Council agreed that it was fully supportive of the proposed implementation of the Double Taxation Convention in accordance with its policy on the negotiation of tax agreements in compliance with international standards.

**Draft Taxation (Double Taxation) (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.59/2013)**

The Council was fully supportive of the draft Regulations.

**Historic Buildings in Pitt Street and Dumaresq Street: request to Minister of Planning and Environment (P.60/2013)**

The Minister for Planning and Environment reported that it was understood that the Connétable of St. Helier intended to seek leave to withdraw the proposition in due course. *[For further discussion of this item, see Minute No. B9 of this meeting].*

**Draft Amendment (No. 21) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey (P.65/2013)**

The Council was supportive of the draft Amendment.

**Island Plan Review (P.71/2013)**

The Council noted comments which the Minister for Planning and Environment proposed to present to the States. *[For further discussion of this item, see Minute No. B10 of this meeting].*

16th July 2013:

**Draft States of Jersey (Minister for External Relations) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.67/2013)**

The Council agreed to defer consideration of the draft Regulations until 10th September 2013. *[For further discussion of this item, see Minute No. B1 of this meeting].*

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10th September 2013:

**Draft Public Finances (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Law 201-** (P.73/2013)

The Minister for Treasury and Resources reported that he had agreed to defer the draft Bill to this later date at the request of the Chairman of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel.