

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(58th Meeting)

18th September 2013**PART A**

All members were present.

Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources (present for items A1-A4 and B3-B5)
 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 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 P.J.D. Ryan, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture

In attendance -

Senator P.F. Routier, M.B.E., Assistant to the Chief Minister
 Deputy E.J. Noel, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources (for items B1 and B2)
 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 items B1 and B4)
 M. Robinson, Head of Service, Customs and Immigration (for item B1)
 D. Le Cuirot, Acting Comptroller of Taxes (for item B1)
 W. Martin, Director – Tax Policy, States Treasury (for item B1)
 K. O'Brien, Acting Deputy Comptroller of Taxes (for item B1)
 R. Lever, GST Director Income Tax Department (for item B1)
 C. Le Breton, Business Tax Director Income Tax Department (for item B1)
 Dr. S. Turnbull, Medical Officer of Health (for item B2)
 Dr. L. Diggle, Head of Healthcare Programmes, Department of Health (for item B2)
 Dr. I. Muscat, Consultant Microbiologist (for item B2)
 Dr. I. Skinner, Head of Strategic Planning, Chief Minister's Department. (for item B3)
 P. Bradbury, Director – Corporate Policy, Chief Minister's Department (for item B3)
 A. Scate, Chief Executive Officer, Department of the Environment (item B3)
 M. Capern, Principal Youth Officer, Education, Sport and Culture Department, Jersey Youth Service (for item B4)
 R. Butcher, Head of Public Sector Partnerships at The Prince's Trust (Southern Region) (for item B4)
 G.C. Powell, C.B.E., Adviser – International Affairs, Chief Minister's Department (for item B5)
 A. Hamon, Policy and Research Officer (not present for item B3)
 L. De Oliviera, Policy and Research Officer (for item B3)
 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 5th September 2013 (Part A and Part B), having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

States business. 1240/7/1(1) A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 5th September 2013, noted the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly for the remainder of the Second Session 2013. Particular consideration was given to the propositions listed below.

24th September 2013

Draft Criminal Justice (Mandatory Minimum Periods of Actual Imprisonment) (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.84/2013)

The Council noted that this item was to be withdrawn and re-lodged 'au Greffe' in due course.

Organ Donors' Register (P.90/2013)

The Council noted that the Minister for Health and Social Services was content to support the proposition, with the exception of part (a).

Sunstone Holdings Ltd. and De Lec Ltd. – *ex gratia* payments to investors (P.90/2013)

[See Minute No. B5 of this meeting]

Justice policy and resources: responsibility (P.92/2013)

The Council supported the proposition.

Draft Motor Vehicle Registration (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.95/2013)

The Council supported the draft Law.

Draft Security Interests (Amendment of Law) (No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.96/2013)

The Council supported the draft Regulations.

Zero-hours contracts: regulation (P.100/2013)

The Council noted that the Minister for Social Security had lodged 'au Greffe' an amendment to the proposition such that paragraphs (c) and (d) would be substituted by a new paragraph (c), which amendment the proposer (Deputy G.P. Southern) had indicated he was prepared to accept.

8th October 2013

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

The Council reaffirmed its previous support for the comments which had been presented to the States by the Comité des Connétables and its rejection of the proposition.

Public Elections: Single Transferable Voting System (STV) and an Alternative Voting System (AV) (P.86/2013)

The Council noted that the Privileges and Procedures Committee was presently considering this matter.

Draft Sea Fisheries (Licensing of Fishing Boats) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.97/2013)

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Draft Income Support (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Regulations 201
(P.101/2013)

The Council supported the draft Regulations.

Committee of Inquiry: planning applications by the Channel Islands Co-operative Society Ltd. (P.102/2013)

The Council noted that the advice of officers was that the proposed Committee of Inquiry was unnecessary and that, in any event, an appeal to the decision of the Minister for Planning and Environment had been received.

Jersey Law Commission: appointment of Commissioner (P.103/2013)

The Law Society of Jersey Disciplinary Panel: appointment of lay members
(P.104/2013)

States of Jersey Complaints Panel: appointment of members (P.106/2013)

Jersey Mutual Insurance Society Incorporated: alteration of fundamental Rules – petition (P.108/2013)

The Council noted that a draft comment would be presented for its consideration at the next meeting.

Law Officers' Department: revised disciplinary process (P.109/2013)

The Council noted that a draft comment would be presented for its consideration at the next meeting.

Rock fall at
Mount
Bingham:
road closure.
1138(744)

A3. The Council received an oral report from the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding the recent rock fall at Mount Bingham, St. Helier and the subsequent road closure and remedial action.

It was noted that dealing with the rock fall and the approximately 10 tonnes of fallen material was the responsibility of the Parish of St. Helier, although officers of the Transport and Technical Services Department, together with an engineering specialist from the United Kingdom, were providing advice and assistance to the Parish. It was recognised that the road was likely to remain closed for some time to come (possibly for a period of 2 weeks or more) and that the imminent road works by the Jersey Electricity Company Limited as part of its cable-laying project along nearby roads might be affected. The possibility of night-time working to clear the road was under consideration. The timings associated with traffic lights in the area of the tunnel were being adjusted and motorists were to be advised to allow extra time for their journeys to and through St. Helier, and wherever possible to park either to the west or the east of the town, rather than in the town centre.

The Council noted the position.

Attendance of
representatives
from Jersey at
political party
conferences in
the U.K.
1148(29)

A4. The Council received an oral report from the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding his attendance, together with the Assistant to the Chief Minister with responsibility for external relations, at the recent Liberal Democrat Party Conference held in Glasgow.

The Council noted that it was considered that the attendance of representatives of the Island's government at such events was proving to be useful in establishing and maintaining contacts with M.P.s and others. and that it appeared that there were currently no matters of concern to Jersey on the Liberal Democrat political agenda.

It was recognised that the Minister would shortly be attending the Labour Party Conference to be held in Brighton between 22nd-24th September 2013.