

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(69th Meeting)

21st February 2014PART A

All members were present, with the exception of Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development; Deputy R.C. Duhamel, Minister for Planning and Environment; 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 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
 Deputy J.P.G. Baker, Assistant Minister for Economic Development

In attendance -

Senator P.F. Routier, M.B.E., Assistant to the Chief Minister
 S. Austin-Vautier, Acting 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 Of Jersey
 G. Chidlow, Director of Accounting Services, Treasury and Resources Department
 P. Bradbury, Director, Corporate Policy, Chief Minister's Department
 V. Page, Assistant to the Chief Minister
 C. Keir, 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. A3 of 12th February 2014, noted the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly on 4th March 2014. Where indicated particular consideration was given to certain propositions listed below –

4th March 2014:

Draft Shipping (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.3/2014)

The Council supported the draft Law.

Draft Drainage (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.6/2014)

The Council supported the draft Law.

Draft Employment of States of Jersey Employees (Amendment No. 6) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.7/2014)

The Council supported the draft Regulations.

Jersey Overseas Aid Commission: re-appointment of non-States Commissioner (P.11/2014)

The Council supported the proposition.

The Council also noted that on the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly on 18th March 2014 was **Elected Speaker of the States** (P.160/2013). The Council agreed that it would not comment on this proposition and that each Minister should be free to vote according to their conscience.

Ministerial
Advisory
Groups:
constitution of
Strategic
Housing
Group.
1013/6 (486)

A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 27th February 2013, considered a joint report dated 21st February 2014 from the Principal Planner, Planning and Environment Department and the Director of Corporate Policy, Chief Minister's Department concerning the establishment of a Strategic Housing Group in order to co-ordinate the development of housing policy.

Having recalled that the States had, on 16th May 2013, adopted a proposition of the Council of Ministers (P.33/2013) and had, *inter alia*, agreed to establish a Strategic Housing Unit, the Council noted that that it was now proposed to establish an Advisory Group in order to support the Minister for Housing in the discharge of his responsibilities.

The Council accordingly approved the draft Terms of Reference for the Strategic Housing Group, subject to the substitution of the Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources for the Minister.

Ministerial
Advisory
Groups:
presentation of
list to the
States.
1444/4 (34)

A3. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A3 of 5th September 2013, considered a report from the Chief Minister's Department concerning a draft list of Ministerial Advisory Groups which had been constituted in order to progress the development or revision of policy which fell within the remit of 2 or more Ministers. It was noted that the list had been compiled as a result of recommendations contained within the Interim Report of the Machinery of Government Review Sub-Committee (R.39/2013).

Having recognised that the draft list had been revised in order to take account of a number of additional groups, the Council asked that it be further refined so as to include some recently constituted groups which had not yet been added.

The Council agreed to present the finalised list to the States for their information in due course.

The Council also agreed that, henceforth, the constitution of such groups would be recorded by way of Ministerial Decision, together with their respective terms of reference, the membership and anticipated duration of each group and, where relevant, the budget allocated to a group in order that it might complete its work.

The Chief Executive, Chief Minister's Department was directed to take the necessary action.