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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(70th Meeting)

12th March 2014**PART A**

All members were present, with the exception of Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development and Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources, from whom apologies for absence had been received.

Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister  
 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  
 Deputy E.J. Noel, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources  
 Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache, Minister for External Relations

In attendance -

Senator P.F. Routier, M.B.E., Assistant to the Chief Minister  
 Deputy S.J. Pinel, Assistant Minister for Social security (for item B8)  
 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 item B1)  
 A. Marshall, Interim Head of Information Management (for item B1)  
 M. Berry, Legal Adviser, Law Officers' Department (for item B1)  
 J. Gillies, Assistant Legal Adviser, Law Officers' Department (for item B1)  
 G.C. Powell, Adviser, International Affairs (for item B2)  
 I. Tait, Assistant Director of Financial Services (for item B2)  
 S. Turnbull, Medical Officer of Health (for items B3 and B4)  
 M. Knight, Head of Health Improvement, Public Health Directorate (for items B3 and B4)  
 T. Walker, Director, International Affairs (for item B5)  
 P. Staley, Law Draftsman (for item B5)  
 P. Bradbury, Director, Corporate Strategy (for items B5 and B6)  
 A. Scate, Chief Executive Officer, Department of the Environment (for items B6 and B7)  
 K. Pilley, Director – Policy, Projects and the Historic Environment, Department of the Environment (for item B6)  
 L. Magris, Director for Environmental Policy, Department of the Environment (for item B7)  
 F. Glover, Senior Policy Officer, Department of the Environment (for item B7)  
 K. Morel, Policy Principal, Social Security Department (for item B8)  
 D. Newman, Consultant/Adviser (for item B8)  
 C. Stephenson, Director of Employment Relations, Chief Minister's Department (for item B8)

J. Rogers, Chief Executive Officer, Transport and Technical Services Department (for item B9)  
S. Fisher, Acting Director – Strategy, Transport and Technical services Department (for item B9)  
E. Littlechild, Director of Operations, Transport and Technical Services Department (for item B9)  
V. Page, Assistant to the Chief Minister  
S. Le Quesne, Communications Officer  
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 meetings held on 12th February (Part A) and 21st February 2014 (Part A and Part B), having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

States  
business.  
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A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A1 of 21st February 2014, noted the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly on 18th March 2014. Where indicated particular consideration was given to certain propositions listed below –

18th March 2014:

**Draft Employment and Discrimination Tribunal (Jersey) Regulations 201-**  
(P.4/2014)

The Council supported the draft Regulations.

**Draft Discrimination (Jersey) Law (Appointed Day) Act 201-** (P.5/2014)

The Council supported the draft Appointed Day Act.

**Draft Financial Services Ombudsman (Jersey) Law 201-** (P.9/2014)

The Council supported the draft Law and agreed that, if adopted, a person of high capability would need to be appointed to the new post.

**Draft Taxation (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Regulations 201-**  
(P.13/2014)

The Council supported the draft Regulations.

**Esplanade Quarter developments: approval by the States** (P.15/2014)

The Council strongly opposed the proposition and supported the comment to be made by Minister for Treasury and Resources.

**Piquet House: cancellation of sale and future use** (P.16/2014)

The Council heard from the Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources that the funds to be realised from the sale were not the primary consideration; rather that the premises did not fit the office strategy of the States and were considered to have no strategic value, although it was recognised that the assessment of the potential use for States-owned buildings had been undertaken some time ago. The Council accordingly opposed the proposition. It was noted that a briefing for members of the States was to be provided on 13th March 2014.

**States Housing: arrangements for new tenants** (P.19/2014)

The Council, having noted that the Minister for Housing had undertaken a preliminary review of the arrangements for new tenants made by his department, accordingly agreed that it rejected the proposition.

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Legislation  
Programme:  
remaining  
lodging  
deadlines for  
debates to July  
2014.  
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A3. The Council received from the Law Draftsman a paper, updated to 20th February 2014, which provided a 'snapshot' of remaining lodging deadlines for debates to July 2014.

The Law Draftsman expressed concern at the number of projects for which no date for debate had yet been forecast or where the forecast debate date had passed.

Ministers were invited to urge their respective departments to identify an intended lodging date for as many of those items of legislation as possible.