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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(72nd Meeting)

26th March 2014**PART A**

All members were present, with the exception of Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources and Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development, from whom apologies for absence were 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
 Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache, Minister for External Relations
 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

In attendance -

Senator P.F. Routier, M.B.E., Assistant to the Chief Minister
 Connétable J. Le S. Gallichan of Trinity, Chairman, Comité des Connétables (not present for items A1, B3 and B4)
 Deputy P.J.G. Baker, Assistant Minister for Economic Development (for items B3 and B4)
 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
 C. Anderson, Reform PMO Director, Chief Minister's Department (for items B1 and B2)
 M. King, Chief Officer, Economic Development Department (for items B1 and B2)
 L. McCrann, Project Manager, Economic Development Department (for items B1 and B2)
 N. Wells, Information Services Director, Chief Minister's Department (for items B1 and B2)
 C. Kelleher, Strategic Policy Manager, Economic Development Department (for item B3)
 K. Stephen Dalton, Assistant Law Draftsman (for item B3)
 I. Dyer, Director - Services for Older People, Health and Social Services Department (for item B4)
 M. Berry, Legal Adviser, Law Officers' Department (for item B4)
 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.

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A1. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 12th March 2014, noted the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly on 1st and 29th April 2014. Where indicated particular consideration was given to certain propositions listed below –

1st April 2014:

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

The Council supported the draft Law.

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

The Council supported the draft Regulations.

Ratification of the Agreement on the Exchange of Information relating to Tax Matters between the Government of Jersey and the Government of Hungary (P.12/2014)

The Council supported the Agreement.

Draft Taxation (Exchange of Information with Third Countries) (Amendment No. 10) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.17/2014)

The Council supported the draft Regulations.

Tasers: deployment and use in Jersey by the States of Jersey Police (P.18/2014)

The Council, having heard from the Minister for Home Affairs that there was understood to be limited opposition to the proposal, despite the safeguards being put in place in Jersey being the strongest of any other police force in the British Isles, indicated its general support of the proposition.

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

The Council, having recalled that the Minister for Housing had undertaken a preliminary review of the arrangements for new tenants made by his department, reiterated its rejection of the proposition.

Draft Statute Law Revision (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.21/2014)

The Council supported the draft Law.

States of Jersey Development Company Limited: re-appointment of Chairman and Non-Executive Directors (P.23/2014)

The Council supported the proposition.

Grouville School: parking facilities (P.24/2014)

The Council, having recognised the aim of the proposition, and having heard from the Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources and also from the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, noted that it appeared that the aim could be achieved, subject to the grant of the necessary planning permission. The Council agreed that it was therefore able to support the proposition on that basis, and the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture undertook to prepare a comment for presentation to the States Assembly for their information.

29th April 2014:

Sunstone Holdings Limited and De Lec Limited: ex gratia payments to investors (P.90/2013)

The Chief Minister asked to be provided with an update on the current status of the

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ongoing investigative work.

Elected Speaker of the States (P.160/2013)

The Council noted that Lord Carswell was to give a presentation to all members on 27thh March 2014 and it was further noted that it might be necessary to defer the proposition.

Draft Passports (False Statements and Forgery) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.14/2014)

The Council, having noted that a minor amendment was to be proposed by the Minister for Home Affairs, indicated its support of the draft Law.