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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(33rd Meeting)

18th October 2012**PART A**

All members were present, with the exception of Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development and Deputy P.J.D. Ryan, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, from whom apologies for absence had 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 R.C. Duhamel, Minister for Planning and Environment
 Deputy C.F. Labey, Assistant Minister for Economic Development
 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 R.G. Bryans, Assistant Minister for Education, Sport and Culture

In attendance -

Senator P.F. Routier, M.B.E., Assistant to the Chief Minister
 Deputy E.J. Noel (for items A1, A2 and B5)
 J.D. Richardson, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 A. Scate, Chief Officer, Environment Department (for item B6)
 M. King, Chief Officer, Economic Development Department (for items A2 and B6)
 L. Magris, Director for Environmental Policy (for item B6)
 C. Gibaut, Director of Strategic Development, Economic Development Department (for item B4)
 A. Gibbs, Head of Lifelong Learning and Skills, Education, Sport and Culture Department (for item B7)
 F. Glover, Senior Policy Officer, Environment Department (for item B6)
 J. Harris, Assistant Director – Policy and Planning, Education, Sport and Culture Department (for item B7)
 J. Marshall, Strategic Planning Manager (for item B1)
 W. Peggie, Director for Environment, Environment Department (for item B6)
 J. Sullivan, Intellectual Property Strategy Manager, Economic Development Department (for item B4)
 T. Walker, Director International Affairs (for items B2 and B3)
 D. Walwyn, Deputy Director International Affairs (for item B2)
 M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States
 J. Morris, Policy and Research Manager (for a time)
 I. Clarkson, Acting Clerk to the Council of Ministers

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

States
 business.

A1. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 4th October 2012, noted the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States

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Assembly during the remainder of the Second Session 2012. Particular consideration was given to the propositions listed below.

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Health and Social Services: A New Way Forward (P.82/2012) – amendment (P.82/2012 (Amd)) – the Council approved a comment to the amendment confirming its support for the 1st and 3rd amendments but opposing the 2nd amendment on the basis that proposals to develop a new model of Primary Care could not practically be brought any further forward.

Draft Health Care Registration (No. 4) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.84/2012)
The Council recalled that it had previously endorsed the draft Regulations.

PECRS: Committee of Management – appointment of members (P.87/2012)
The Council recalled that it had previously endorsed the proposition.

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Medium Term Financial Plan 2013-2015 (P.69/2012) – the Council resolved to consider amendments to P.69/2012 at an additional meeting to be held on 24th October 2012.

Police Station Relocation: review of decision (P.92/2012) – having noted that the Minister for Planning and Environment had declined to express a view on the matter in view of his anticipated need to determine the relevant planning application, the Council remained satisfied that the proposals for the Green Street site remained fundamentally sound. Moreover, it was satisfied that the scheme had been properly planned at every material level and that both the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel and the States of Jersey Police Association supported the scheme.

The Council resolved to consider at its next scheduled meeting a draft comment confirming its opposition to P.92/2012.

The Assistant Chief Executive was authorised to take the necessary action.

Old Age Pension: increase for 2012 (P.97/2012) – the Council noted that the Minister for Social Security was obtaining legal advice regarding the terms of the proposition.

Senator P.F.C. Ozouf was not present for this item.

Assistant
Ministers:
informal
discussion.
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A2. The Council, with the Adviser – International Affairs in attendance, welcomed the following Assistant Ministers for an informal discussion on population controls and consultancy contracts –

Senator L.J. Farnham, Assistant Minister for Home Affairs
Connétable J.M. Refault, Assistant Minister for Housing
Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier, Assistant Minister for Education, Sport and Culture
Deputy J.A. Martin, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services
Deputy E.J. Noel, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources
Deputy S.J. Pinel, Assistant Minister for Social Security

The Council welcomed Mr. G. Cook, Chief Executive, Jersey Finance.

Particular matters discussed during the meeting included correspondence written

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by Deputy Le Hérissier and which had been published in the Jersey Evening Post on 17th October 2012, in which the Deputy had raised questions regarding the provision of additional funding to support the engagement of consultants by Jersey Finance. The Council expressed its disappointment at the content of the letter, the contents of which were regarded as being without foundation or justification.