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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(48th Meeting)

27th March 2013**PART A**

All members were present.

Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources
 Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development (not present for items A1-A3, B5 and B6)
 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
 Connétable J. Le S. Gallichan of Trinity, Chairman, Comité des Connétables
 J.D. Richardson, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States
 T.J. Le Cocq, Q.C., H.M. Attorney General
 L. Rowley, Treasurer of the States
 C. Anderson, Reform Programme Management Office Director, Chief Minister's Department (for item B1)
 M. Sinclair, Director of Human Resources, States of Jersey (for item B1)
 I. Skinner, Head of Strategic Planning, Chief Minister's Department (for item B2)
 J. Marshall, Strategic Planning Manager, Chief Minister's Department (for items B2 and B3)
 J. Rogers, Chief Officer, Transport and Technical Services Department (for item B2)
 M. King, Chief Officer, Economic Development Department (for items B1 and B2)
 P. Bradbury, Director – Corporate Policy, Chief Minister's Department (for items B3 and B4)
 M. MacGregor, Economist, Chief Minister's Department (for item B3)
 A. Scate, Chief Executive Officer, Department of the Environment (for items B2, B4 and B5)
 K. Pilley, Director – Policy, Projects and the Historic Environment, Department of the Environment (for items B4 and B5)
 R. Buchholz, Principal Planner, Island Plan Review, Department of the Environment (for items B4 and B5)
 I. Gallichan, Chief Officer, Housing Development (for items B4 and B5)
 A. Hamon, Policy and Research 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 meeting held on 13th March 2013 (Part A), having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed. Part B of the Minutes of 13th March 2013 were to be amended such as to record –

- (a) the undertaking of the Minister for Treasury and Resources to identify a funding source for the purchase of sites for category ‘A’ tenure; and
- (b) the possibility that category ‘A’ homes could be produced on privately-owned land.

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business.
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A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 13th March 2013, noted the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly during the remainder of the First Session 2013. Particular consideration was given to the propositions listed below where indicated.

16th April 2013

Jersey Innovation Fund: establishment, funding and operation (P.124/2012)

The Council noted that a comment would be prepared by the Minister for Treasury and Resources, in conjunction with the Minister for Economic Development, regarding possible amendments to the proposition following the publication of the Scrutiny report (S.R.4/2013).

Starter Home Deposit Loan Scheme (P.131/2012)

The Council noted that it was understood that the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel intended to raise a number of issues in relation to the proposal, and the Minister for Treasury and Resources indicated that arrangements would be made for a presentation on the matter to be made to States members prior to the debate. The Council confirmed that it was supportive of the proposition.

Island Plan 2011: wind-farms (P.27/2013)

The Council, having noted that the Minister for Planning and Environment would be commenting on the proposition, agreed that it was not supportive of the proposition.

Draft Taxation (Implementation) (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.30/2013)

The Council indicated that it was supportive of the proposition.

Committee of Inquiry: costs for local businesses (P.31/2013)

The Council noted the response of the Economic Development Department to the proposition, which indicated that the Channel Islands Competition Regulatory Authority (CICRA) was currently examining the retail supply of groceries for both Jersey and Guernsey, and that it would also be examining the market for the supply of cigarettes and hand-rolled tobacco. It was recognised that the majority of the work was being undertaken by the CICRA in-house, except for outside support in specialist areas, and that both reports were due to be available during 2013 (the tobacco report in May, and the foodstuffs report in October). The Council noted that the likely in-house cost for the examinations and production of the reports would be similar to that under Senator Breckon’s proposal. Consequently, the Minister for Economic Development intended to meet the Senator shortly with a view to persuading him to either withdraw or at least postpone his proposition until CICRA had produced its second report on the subject. The Council indicated that it was supportive of the approach being adopted.

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Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority: re-appointment of Chairman
(P.32/2013)

The Council indicated that it was supportive of the proposition.

Draft States of Jersey (Amendment No. 6) Law 201- (P.34/2013)

The Council indicated that it was supportive of the proposition.

Draft Register of Names and Addresses (Register Entries) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.35/2013)

The Council indicated that it was supportive of the proposition.

Referendum on States reform: minimum turnout threshold (P.39/2013)

The Council agreed that members should vote according to their conscience.

Parish Rates: the States' liability (P.40/2013)

The Chairman of the Comité des Connétables indicated that, as the Connétable of St. Helier had not yet discussed the matter with the Comité, the Connétable was to be invited to consider deferring his proposition until such time as he had consulted his fellow Connétables. The Council noted that the Minister for Treasury and Resources would be preparing a comment on the proposition in due course.

30th April 2013

Draft Restriction on Smoking (Advertising, Promotion and Display) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.17/2013)

Draft Restriction on Smoking (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 201-
(P.18/2013)

The Reform of Social Housing (P.33/2013)

Jersey Music Service: introduction of 'user pays' charges (P.36/2013)

The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture indicated that it was proposed to hold a lunchtime briefing for members of the States prior to the debate.

Living Wage for Jersey: investigation (P.37/2013)

Draft Wills and Successions (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.38/2013)

Draft Policing of Parks (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Regulations 201-
(P.41/2013)

Draft Control of Housing and Work (Jersey) Law 2012 (Appointed Day) Act 201- (P.42/2013)

The Assistant to the Chief Minister outlined proposals for the imminent publication in the "R" Series of substantially revised Exemption and Fee Orders under the Control of Housing and Work (Jersey) Law 2012 which it was considered would strike the right balance in relation to exemptions for visiting businesses, and would provide in early course a degree of certainty to the business community.

Draft Register of Names and Addresses (Jersey) Law 2012 (Appointed Day) Act 201- (P.43/2013).

The Council decided to convene a meeting prior to its next scheduled meeting (24th April 2013) in order *inter alia* to give further consideration to the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly during the

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remainder of the First Session 2013. *[It was subsequently confirmed that this would be held on Thursday, 11th April 2013, commencing at 2p.m.]*.

Youth
Assembly:
Chief
Minister's
appreciation
for Ministers
attendance.

A3. The Chief Minister expressed his appreciation to those Ministers who had been able to attend the Youth Assembly held on 26th March 2013.

Easter
greetings.

A4. The Chief Minister wished all members of the Council and all officers best wishes for the forthcoming Easter break.