

PM/SC/123

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(50th Meeting)

29th April 2013

[Business conducted by electronic mail]

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
 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 -

J. Morris, Policy and Research Manager
 P. Monamy, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A only.

“Living wage
 for Jersey:
 investigation”
 (P.37/2013):
 comments.
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A1. The Council, having recalled that Deputy G.P. Southern had, on 18th March 2013, lodged ‘au Greffe’ a projet entitled “Living wage for Jersey: investigation” (P.37/2013), considered a draft comment thereon.

The Council recognised that, whereas work was being undertaken in other jurisdictions in relation to the ‘Living Wage’ and to the benefits it could deliver to individuals in the wider community, the potential effects on a small island’s labour market were not yet understood to any degree. Consequently, it was considered that the detailed, in-depth analysis required to identify such potential effects would cost significantly more than the £10,000-£20,000 estimated by the Deputy and would also divert existing resources from current social policy priorities as set out in the States Strategic Plan.

Having noted that the Chief Minister’s Department was currently working on Sustainable Long-Term Planning and would be refreshing the existing Social Policy Strategic Framework during 2013, the Council agreed that the proposition should not be accepted at the present time.

The Council, having approved comments on P.37/2013, directed that they be presented to the States for their information.