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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(60th Meeting)

16th October 2013**PART A**

All members were present, with the exception of Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources; Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache, Minister for External Relations; and Deputy A.E. Pryke, Minister for Health and Social Services, from whom apologies for absence were received.

Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister
 Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development (not present for item B4)
 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 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
 Connétable J.M. Refault of St. Peter, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services
 Deputy E.J. Noel, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources

In attendance -

Senator P.F. Routier, M.B.E., Assistant to the Chief Minister
 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
 S. Pritchard, Director of Business Creation and Growth, Economic Development Department (for item B1)
 D. Peedle, Economic Adviser, Chief Minister's Department (for item B1)
 C. Anderson, Public Sector Reform Programme Director, Chief Minister's Department (for item B2)
 T. Riley, H.R. Director, Health and Social Services Department (for item B2)
 C. Keir, Communications Manager, Chief Minister's Department
 L. De Oliviera, Policy and Research Officer
 J. Haynes, Project Trident Student
 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 18th September (Part A and Part B) and 2nd October 2013 (Part A and Part B), having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.
- States business. 1240/7/1(1) A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 18th September 2013, noted the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly for the remainder of the Second Session 2013. Particular consideration was given to the propositions listed below.

22nd October 2013

Public Sector reform (P.91/2013)

The Council noted that Deputy G.C.L. Baudains had agreed to defer 2 weeks (to 5th November 2013) his proposition which asked the States: “(a) to agree that a working party should be established to review how best to deliver the services the public expect in the most efficient manner and to report back to the States with its findings within one year; and (b) to request the Chief Minister to appoint members to the Working Party, which should include 2 members of the States and either a current or recently retired chief officer with comprehensive knowledge of Jersey’s public sector, and be supported by expert advice.” Ministers agreed that reform of the Public Sector was about making the running of the States as efficient and effective as possible and ultimately sustainable, and that States reform should not be put on hold pending a review of services to be provided. It was accepted that concurrent activity on both fronts would be desirable given the need to accelerate reform within the States in order to develop e-government across all States departments. The Council recognised the need to redesign processes so that they became ‘Lean’ and efficient; to modernise the States’ workforce, Terms and Conditions; and to create a highly skilled flexible workforce with a focus on delivery. Furthermore, it was accepted that a culture of continuous improvement was necessary and that ongoing reform should not be delayed given the pressing socio-economic challenges faced by the Island. The Council noted an update on Public Sector Reform, dated June 2013, which set out the progress being made on the various strands of reform activity (namely, the Culture Steering Group, Leadership Development, Performance Management, Employee Engagement, Corporate Values Development, ‘Lean’, E-Government, Social Security Transformation (exemplar), and Workforce Modernisation). The Minister for Economic Development confirmed that a briefing for States members was to be held shortly.

The Law Society of Jersey Disciplinary Panel: appointment of lay members (P.104/2013)

The Council recalled that the Chief Minister had deferred the proposition from the previous States meeting and noted that he was giving further consideration to its further deferral or withdrawal.

Draft Public Employees (Contributory Retirement Scheme) (Commutation of Small Pensions) (Amendments) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.105/2013)

The Council supported the proposition.

Law Officers’ Department: revised disciplinary process (P.109/2013)

[See Minute No. B3 of this meeting].

Income Support Medical Appeal Tribunal: re-appointment of members (P.111/2013)

The Council supported the proposition.

Jersey Financial Services Commission: re-appointment of Commissioner (P.112/2013)

The Council supported the proposition.

Cold Weather Bonus: variation of conditions (P.115/2013)

The Council noted that the Minister for Social Security had lodged ‘au Greffe’ an amendment to Deputy G.P. Southern’s proposition in order to introduce a 10-year residency requirement for a person not in receipt of a Jersey Old Age Pension and to seek that, rather than bringing forward separately for approval the necessary

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amendment to give effect to the proposal to delete “*the requirement to be in receipt of a Jersey Old Age pension*”, account would be taken of the suggestion as part of the next revision of the Cold Weather Bonus (Jersey) Regulations 2012, which was imminent.

5th November 2013

Composition and election of the States Assembly: reform – proposal 1 (P.93/2013) and amendment

Composition and election of the States Assembly: reform – proposal 2 (P.94/2013) and amendment, and amendment to amendment

Composition and election of the States Assembly: reform – proposal 3 (P.98/2013)

Composition of the States Assembly: interim reform for 2014 and referendum on further reform (P.116/2013)

Composition and election of the States Assembly: reform – proposal 4 (P.117/2013)

Public Elections: Single Transferable Voting System (STV) and and Alternative Voting System (AV) (P.86/2013)

Committee of Inquiry: planning applications by the Channel Islands Co-operative Society Ltd. (P.102/2013)

Commissioner for Standards: establishment (P.107/2013)

The Council noted that the Chief Minister, in conjunction with the Deputy Chief Minister, was in the process of formulating an amendment to the proposition of the Privileges and Procedures Committee.

Public Elections: amendments to legislation and administration (P.110/2013)

Draft Community Provisions (Welfare of Animals During Transport) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.113/2013)

Draft Aquatic Resources (Jersey) Law 201- (P.114/2013)

Social Security Tribunal: re-appointment of members (P.120/2013)

Minister for Transport and Technical Services: vote of censure (P.129/2013).

In relation to Proposition 90/2013 - **Sunstone Holdings Ltd. and De Lec Ltd. – *ex gratia* payments to investors** (which it was noted had been further deferred until 19th November 2013), the Council heard from the Chief Minister that agreement had been reached regarding the arrangements to be made for an independent investigation of the role in the matter of the Jersey Financial Services Commission, which investigation would be undertaken by the former United Kingdom Financial Services Ombudsman. It was hoped that the investigation would be able to be completed by the end of 2013, subject to the level and complexity of the submissions to be made.