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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(1st Meeting)

13th November 2014PART A

All members were present.

Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister  
 Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Treasury and Resources  
 Senator L.J. Farnham, Minister for Economic Development  
 Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache, Minister for External Relations  
 Senator A.K.F. Green M.B.E, Minister for Health and Social Services  
 Deputy A.E. Pryke of Trinity, Minister for Housing  
 Deputy E.J. Noel of St. Lawrence, Minister for Transport and Technical Services  
 Deputy S.J. Pinel of St. Clement, Minister for Social Security  
 Deputy S.G. Luce of St. Martin, Minister for Planning and Environment  
 Deputy R.G. Bryans of St. Helier, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture  
 Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Peter, Minister for Home Affairs

In attendance -

Senator P.F. Routier M.B.E., Assistant Chief Minister  
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Assistant Chief Minister  
 J.D. Richardson, Chief Executive, States of Jersey  
 M.N. de la Haye O.B.E., Greffier of the States  
 T. J. Le Cocq, Q.C., H.M. Attorney General  
 T. Walker, Chief Officer, External Relations and Constitutional Affairs, Chief Minister's Department  
 P. Bradbury, Director, Corporate Strategy, Chief Minister's Department  
 C. Stephenson, Director, Employment Relations and Organisational Development, Human Resources (for a time)  
 C. Keir, Assistant Director, Ministerial Support and Communications (for a time)  
 S. Le Quesne, Communications Officer (for a time)  
 P. Monamy, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

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

Chief Minister's welcome and introductions.

A1. The Chief Minister welcomed Ministers to the first meeting of the Council and congratulated them on their successful appointments.

The Council was appreciative of the States Assembly having appointed the Chief Minister's slate of nominees for the Ministerial posts and the hope was expressed that bridges would be built with all other members of the Assembly in the interests of collaborative and pro-active working in order to achieve the best possible outcomes for the Island community. The intention of the Council was accepted as being to work together as a cohesive unit on the basis of collective responsibility.

Appointment

A2. The Council noted that the government had, with the Chief Minister's

approval, appointed the under-mentioned Assistant Ministers.

- Chief Minister - Senator P.F. Routier, M.B.E.  
Senator P.F.C. Ozouf
- Minister for Economic Development -  
Connétable S.W. Pallett of St. Brelade  
Deputy M.J. Norton of St. Brelade
- Minister for External Relations -
- Minister for Education, Sport and Culture -  
Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache
- Minister for Health and Social Services –  
Connétable J.M. Refault of St. Peter  
Deputy P.D. McLinton of St. Saviour
- Minister for Home Affairs –  
Connétable D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence
- Minister for Housing -
- Minister for Planning and Environment –  
Connétable S.W. Pallett of St. Brelade
- Minister for Social Security - Deputy G.J. Truscott of St. Brelade
- Minister for Transport and Technical Services –  
Deputy R.J. Rondel of St. Helier
- Minister for Treasury and Resources –  
Deputy T.A. Vallois of St. John.

The Council recognised that as the Chief Minister proposed to transfer a number of functions between Ministerial portfolios, and to create a new Ministerial office, interim arrangements were necessary in order to ensure that Ministerial work could continue in the meantime. Consequently, the following States members would act as Assistant Ministers until such time as the changes proposed by the Chief Minister had been considered and approved by the States Assembly –

- Economic Development –  
Deputy S.G. Luce of St. Martin (pending transfer of Fisheries)  
Senator P.F.C. Ozouf (pending transfer of Digital, Competition, and Innovation)  
Deputy R.G. Bryans of St. Helier (pending transfer of Skills)
- Education, Sport and Culture -  
Connétable S.W. Pallett of St. Brelade (pending transfer of Sport)  
Senator L.J. Farnham (pending transfer of culture)
- Planning and Environment -  
Senator L.J. Farnham (pending transfer of agriculture)
- Treasury and Resources –  
Deputy E.J. Noel of St. Lawrence (pending transfer of Jersey Property holdings).

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It was noted that the Chief Minister would in due course present a Report setting out the above-mentioned details to the States for their information.

Dates of  
Council of  
Ministers  
meetings in  
2015 and  
arrangements  
for States' Questions  
without  
Notice.

A3. The Council considered and agreed a schedule of dates for its meetings throughout 2015.

It was agreed that the Council should generally continue to meet fortnightly at 9.30 a.m. on a Wednesday, usually during the week that the States were not sitting. Meetings would usually be held in the meeting room on the 9th floor at Cyril Le Marquand House.

The Council agreed to meet on the following days in 2015 –

14th and 28th January	8th and 22nd July
11th and 18th February	2nd and 16th September
4th and 18th March	14th and 28th October
16th (p), 22nd and 29th (p) April	11th and 25th November
6th and 20th May	9th December
10th and 24th June (p)	

*[(p) denotes "provisional date, if required"]*

It was agreed that joint meetings with the Corporate Management Board would be held on the following dates in 2015 -

7th January, 8th January, 11th February (p.m.) and 12th February.

The Council noted that Questions without notice on the first meeting of the first Session of the States in 2015 (on 20th January) would be addressed to the Minister for Economic Development and the Chief Minister respectively. A revised schedule for subsequent Questions without notice during the remainder of the first Session and for the second Session and would be distributed by the Greffier of the States in due course.