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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(6th Meeting)

28th January 2015

PART A (Non-exempt)

All members were present.

Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister (not present for item A1)
 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 (not present for item A1)
 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
 H. Sharp, Q.C., H.M. Solicitor General
 Advocate B. Lacey, Historic Abuse Redress Scheme lawyer, of Lacey Advocates (for item B1)
 R. Jouault, Director of States of Jersey Historic Inquiry Team (for item B1)
 R. Bell, Interim Treasurer of the States (for item B1)
 T. Walker, Chief Officer, External Relations and Constitutional Affairs, Chief Minister's Department (for item B1)
 M. Haden, States Liaison Officer, Independent Care Inquiry, States Greffe (for item B1)
 P. Bradbury, Director – Corporate Policy, Chief Minister's Department (for item B2)
 J. Gillies, Assistant Legal Adviser, Law Officers' Department (for item B2)
 C. Keir, Assistant Director, Ministerial Support and Communications
 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 14th January 2015 (Part A and Part B), having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

States
business:
03.02.2015.
1240/7/1(1)

A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A4 of 14th January 2015, noted the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly on 3rd February 2015 and commented specifically on the following -

3rd February 2015:

Draft Public Elections (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Regulations 201-
(P.174/2014)

The Council supported the draft Regulations.

H.M.S. Iron Duke: authority to march ‘with colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed’ (P.177/2014)

The Council supported the proposition.

Ratification of the Agreement on the exchange of information relating to tax between the government of Jersey and the government of Romania
(P.178/2014)

The Council supported the proposition.

Draft Taxation (Exchange of Information with Third Countries) (Amendment No. 12) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.179/2014)

The Council supported the draft Regulations.

The Council confirmed that it wished to proceed with an ‘in Committee’ debate on the “Council of Minister’s Strategic Priorities” on 24th February 2015.

With regard to a possible ‘in Committee’ debate on the Council’s External Relations Policy for the Island, which it was recognised would afford an opportunity for States members to consider the policy’s inextricable linking to economic and strategic considerations (“Council of Ministers’ Proposed Strategic Priorities 2015–2018” – R8/2015 refers), the Council agreed that further consideration should be given to the timing and format for such a debate at a subsequent meeting.

70th Liberation
Anniversary:
arrangements
for celebration
and commem-
oration.
316/2(17)

A3. The Council considered the arrangements currently in train for the forthcoming celebration and commemoration in May 2015 of the 70th anniversary of the Liberation of the Island from occupation by enemy forces.

It was noted that the matter had been and continued to be under consideration by the Bailiff’s Consultative Panel and that arrangements had been made for events on and around Saturday 9th May 2015.

Senator Ozouf suggested that the opportunity should be taken to promote the celebrations widely with a view to encouraging as high a level of participation as possible, and that consideration should be given to creating a lasting legacy of the 70th Anniversary, possibly involving the linking together of the Weighbridge/Caledonia Place and Liberation Square areas, recognising the desirability of maintaining traffic flow through a combined site.

Senator Ozouf expressed a willingness to accept the invitation of the Minister for Economic Development to act as Chairman of the 70th Liberation Anniversary Working Group under the auspices of the Economic Development Department.