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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(10th Meeting)

18th March 2015**PART A (Non-exempt)**

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
 Deputy G.J. Truscott of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Social Security
 J.D. Richardson, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 M.N. de la Haye O.B.E., Greffier of the States
 H. Sharp, Q.C., H.M. Solicitor General
 M. King, Chief Officer, Economic Development Department (for item B1)
 L. Magris, Director for Environment Policy, Department of the Environment (item B1)
 A. Sugden, Deputy Chief Officer, Economic Development Department (for item B1)
 M. Entwistle, Head of Compliance Strategy – International Relations, Chief Minister’s Department (item B1)
 Chief Inspector C. Beechey, Operational Support Unit, States of Jersey Police (for item B2)
 S. Peat, Digital Economy and Media Strategy Manager, Economic Development Department (for items B2 and B3)
 D. Peedle, Economic Adviser (for item B3)
 C. Keir, Assistant Director – Ministerial Support and Communications
 P. Monamy, Clerk to the Council of Ministers
 B. Ainsley, on secondment from the Jersey London Office

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

Minutes.

A1. The Minutes of the meetings held on 26th February (Part A and Part B) and 4th March 2015 (Part A and Part B), having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

States business
24th March
and 14th April
2015.
1240/7/1(1)

A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A1 of 4th March 2015, noted the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly on 24th March and 14th April 2015 and commented specifically on the following –

24th March 2015:

Draft Video Recordings (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.10/2015)

The Council supported the draft Law.

Gas Tariffs: reduction- (P.18/2015) and Amendments

The Council received a draft comment which had been prepared following confirmation from Jersey Gas of its agreement to fully co-operate with the full-scale review to be undertaken by the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) and its announcement of a 3.5 per cent price reduction. The Council agreed that the comment should be presented to the States in its name and, subject to the addition of an indicative timetable of discussions on this matter to date with Jersey Gas, authorised the Chief Minister to finalise the text.

Committee of Inquiry: Historical Child Abuse – additional funding (P.20/2015) and Amendment

The Council recalled that the Chief Minister had decided that there would be a free vote on this matter and that the principle of collective responsibility would not apply. The Chief Minister undertook to provide to Ministers a copy of his notes for the debate.

Draft Amendment (No. 28) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey (P.24/2015)

The Council supported the draft Amendment.

14th April 2015:

Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme: revised Scheme (P.13/2015)

The Council supported the revised Scheme.

Draft Shipping (Fishing Vessels Safety Codes of Practice) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.10/2015)

The Council supported the draft Regulations.

Draft Crown Advocates (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.25/2015)

The Council supported the draft Law.

Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Jersey regarding the sharing of confiscated or forfeited assets or their equivalent funds (P.26/2015)

The Council fully supported the proposition.

Draft Aircraft
Registration
and Air
Navigation
(Miscellan-
eous)
Provisions)
(Jersey) Law
201-: lodging
'au Greffe.'
1499 (1)

A3. The Council was apprised by the Minister for Economic Development of his intention shortly to lodge 'au Greffe' the draft Aircraft Registration and Air Navigation (Miscellaneous) Provisions) (Jersey) Law 201-, which it was noted would put in place the requisite miscellaneous legislative provisions in order to formally establish and subsequently deliver the Jersey Aircraft Registry.

It was recognised that while matters relating to the Air Navigation (Jersey) Law 2014 were the responsibility of the Minister for External Relations, the provisions in the principal Aircraft Registration (Jersey) Law 2014 were the responsibility of the Minister for Economic Development.

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The Council, having noted in outline that the proposed amendments to Articles 1, 29 and 30 of the principal Law arose from consultation with the financial services industry regarding the registration of aircrafts on the Jersey Aircraft Register that wished to be registered with foreign law mortgages, asked for the matter to be discussed at a subsequent meeting of the Council.