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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(14th Meeting)

6th May 2015**PART A (Non-exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister, from whom apologies had been received.

Senator A.K.F. Green, M.B.E., Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Health and Social Services (Acting Chairman)  
 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  
 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 (by video link) (for a time)  
 Connetable J. M. Refault, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services (for a time)  
 Deputy R.J. Rondel of St. Helier, Assistant Minister for Transport and Technical Services (for a time)  
 J.D. Richardson, Chief Executive, States of Jersey  
 M.N. de la Haye O.B.E., Greffier of the States  
 R. J. MacRae, QC, H.M. Attorney General  
 V. Page, Assistant to the Chief Minister (for a time)  
 C. Keir, Assistant Director – Ministerial Support and Communications  
 R. Williams, Director of System Redesign and Delivery Health and Social Services Department (for a time)  
 A. Heaven, Deputy Director, Commissioning, Health and Social Services Department (for a time)  
 Deputy G. J. Truscott, Assistant Minister for Social Security (for a time)  
 S. Duhamel, Policy and Strategy Director, Social Security Department (for a time)  
 I. Burns, Chief Officer, Social Security Department (for a time)  
 C. Dodd, Streetworks Manager, Transport and Technical Services Department (for a time)  
 C. Sampson, Director, Engineering and Infrastructure, Transport and Technical Services Department (for a time)  
 J. Williams, Director, Business Change, Chief Minister’s Department (for a time)  
 I. Webb, Director, Information Services (for a time)  
 P. Bradbury, Director, Corporate Policy, Chief Minister’s Department (for a time)

Advocate J. Gillies, Assistant Legal Adviser, Law Officers' Department  
(for a time)  
Dr. D. Gibaut, Chief Statistician, Chief Minister's Department (for a time)  
K.M. Larbalestier, Committee Clerk, States Greffe  
(item Nos. B1 – B4 only)  
T. McMinigal, Committee Clerk, States Greffe  
(item Nos. A1 – A2, B5 – B7 only)

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

Minutes. A1. The Minutes of the meetings of 16th April (Part A and Part B) and 22nd April 2015 (Part A only), having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

States Business 12.05.2015 and 02.06.2015. 1240/7/1(1) A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 22nd April 2015, noted the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly on 12th May and 2nd June 2015, and commented specifically on the following –

12th May 2015:

**Draft Deregulation Bill: application of certain provisions to Jersey (P.28/2015)**  
The Council supported the proposition.

**Draft Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Liability and Compensation) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.29/2015)**

The Council supported the draft Law.

**Gas Tariffs: review by Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (P.32/2015)**

The Council, having noted the Economic Development departmental response, recognised that the proposition pre-empted work being undertaken by the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) into the gas markets. The Council accordingly rejected the proposition.

**Jersey Appointments Commission: appointment of Commissioners (P.33/2015)**

The Council supported the proposition.

**Draft Social Security (Reciprocal Agreement with Chile) (Jersey) Act 201- (P.34/2015)**

The Council supported the proposition.

**Bus fares 2015: review (P.35/2015)**

The Council noted that officers of the Transport and Technical Services Department had submitted a comment which demonstrated the success of the current fare structure. The Council accordingly rejected the proposition.

**Draft Restriction on Smoking (Motor Vehicles) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.36/2015)**

The Council supported the proposition.

**Commissioners of Appeal for Taxes Office: re-appointment (P.37/2015)**

The Council supported the proposition.

2nd June 2015:

**Draft Air and Sea Ports (Incorporation) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.5/2015)**

The Council noted that the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel had raised some queries in relation to the Memorandum of Understanding for incorporated bodies.

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It was understood that steps were being taken by Ministers and Senior Officers by way of resolution. The Scrutiny Panel had indicated that it would publish a comment on the proposition in advance of the debate. The Council noted that the Panel had received a report from York Aviation which was broadly supportive of Incorporation. The Council supported the draft Law.

**Draft Aircraft Registration and Air Navigation (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.38/2015)**

The Council supported the draft Law.

**Draft Discrimination (Sex and Related Characteristics) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.40/2015)**

The Council supported the proposition.

**Esplanade Quarter development: Scrutiny review and referendum (P.44/2015)**

The Council opposed the concept of holding a referendum on the Esplanade Quarter development, on grounds of cost and principle. The Council accordingly rejected the proposition. It was agreed that a comment on the proposition should be prepared and presented to the States. The Council considered further that it would be desirable for the States of Jersey Development Company to make a presentation to all States Members on the progress of the Esplanade Quarter development before 2nd June 2015.