

PM/SC/196

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(22nd Meeting)

8th July 2015**PART A (Non-exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy S.G. Luce of St. Martin, Minister for Planning and Environment, from whom apologies for absence had been received.

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 R.G. Bryans of St. Helier, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture
 Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Peter, Minister for Home Affairs
 Connétable S.W. Pallett of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Planning and Environment
 Deputy G.J. Truscott of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Social Security

In attendance -

Senator P.F. Routier, M.B.E., Assistant Chief Minister
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Assistant Chief Minister
 Deputy T.A. Vallois, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources (for items A1-A3 and B1)
 J.D. Richardson, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 R.J. MacRae, H.M. Attorney General
 R. Bell, Treasurer of the States (for items A1-A3 and B1)
 A. Rogers, Director of Treasury Operations, Treasury and Resources Department (for items A1-A3 and B1)
 C. Haws, Head of Financial Planning, Treasury and Resources Department (for items A1-A3 and B1)
 D. Peedle, Economic Adviser, Chief Minister's Department (for items A1-A3 and B)
 R. Johnson, Director – Social Policy, Chief Minister's Department (for item B2)
 T. Walker, Chief Officer, External Relations and Constitutional Affairs, Chief Minister's Department (for item B2)
 M. Berry, Legal Adviser, Law Officers' Department (for item B2)
 J. Garbut, Chief Executive Officer, Health and Social Services (for item B3)
 H. O'Shea, Hospital Director, Health and Social Services (for item B3)
 J. Turner, Director of Finance and Information, States Treasury (for item B3)

R. Williams, Director of System Redesign and Delivery, Health and Social Services (for item B3)
V. Page, Assistant to the Chief Minister
C. Keir, Assistant Director – Ministerial Support and Communications
P. Monamy, Clerk to the Council of Ministers
B. Jehan, Student ‘shadowing’ the Minister for Health and Social Services)

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

MTFP 2016-2019: report and proposition - approval for lodging ‘au Greffe.’
447/1/1/10(1)

A1. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. B1 of this meeting, having recalled that it had approved the Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2016-2019 and associated proposition, subject to finalisation of the text by the Chief Minister in conjunction with the Minister for Treasury and Resources, accordingly decided to lodge it ‘au Greffe’ on 14th July 2015.

Strategic Reserve Fund: variation of policy – report and proposition.
1446/1(61)

A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A1 of this meeting, considered a draft proposition of the Minister for Treasury and Resources which, in conjunction with the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2016-2019, sought the agreement of the States –

- (a) to agree that the policy for use of the Strategic Reserve Fund should be varied to enable income, over and above that required to maintain the value of the Fund in real terms, on the Fund to be used for the purposes of funding the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry; and
- (b) to approve, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4(3) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005, the transfer of £10 million from the Strategic Reserve Fund to the Consolidated Fund in 2015 so as to provide for these purposes;
- (c) to agree that the existing policy for the use of the Strategic Reserve for the period of the 2016-2019 MTFP be varied to enable income over and above that required to maintain the capital value as at 31st December 2012, in line with increases in Jersey RPI(Y), be amended to meet the measures identified in the Table in the associated Report; and,
- (d) to approve the transfer of the various amounts between the Strategic Reserve Fund and the Consolidated Fund in the period 2016-2019.

The Council, having noted that the Minister for Treasury and Resources would in due course prepare an explanatory Report to accompany the proposition, endorsed the proposal that the Minister should proceed to lodging the projet ‘au Greffe’ on 14th July 2015.

MTFP 2013-2015: amendment – report and proposition.
447/1/1/7(1)

A3. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. B1 of this meeting, considered a draft proposition which sought the agreement of the States with reference to their Act dated 8th November 2012, in which they approved the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2013-2015; to their Act dated 4th June 2014, in which they agreed to amend the MTFP 2013-2015; and to their Act dated 25th March 2015, in which they agreed to request the Council of Ministers, if necessary, to bring forward for approval a proposition to amend the MTFP 2013-2015 in order to provide additional funding in relation to the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry;

and –

to agree, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 9(1)(c) and 9(1)(ca) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005 –

- (a) that the total amount of States' net expenditure in 2015 should be amended from £720,629,500 as approved on 4th June 2014 to £730,629,500 (as set out in Summary Table A); and,
- (b) that the amount appropriated to contingency expenditure should be amended from £33,482,900 to £43,482,900 in 2015 as set out in Summary Table C.

The Council, having authorised the Chief Minister in conjunction with the Minister for Treasury and Resources to finalise the explanatory Report to accompany the proposition, accordingly approved the proposition and decided to lodge the projet 'au Greffe' on 14th July 2015.