

PM/MH/363

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(34th Meeting)

24th December 2015

(Business conducted by electronic mail)

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 -

J.D. Richardson, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 P. Monamy, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A only.

Historic
 Redress
 Scheme:
 release of
 allocated funds
 for funeral
 expenses.
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A1. The Council considered an undated report concerning the release of funds currently allocated to a recently deceased claimant of the Historic Redress Scheme for ongoing therapy, for use towards funeral expenses.

The Council noted that a victim of historic child abuse at Blanche Pierre Family Group Home, who had given evidence to the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry during 2015, had died suddenly on 18th December 2015. The Jersey Care Leavers Association had requested the release of any money held on account for the deceased for therapy and its utilisation for funeral expenses, and had undertaken to provide contact details for next of kin in due course.

It was recognised that Lacey Advocates, the Scheme's lawyer, considered that it would not be unreasonable in the particular circumstances for some assistance to be given regarding the funeral of the deceased, although there was a need to ensure that the Scheme's funds were used appropriately.

The Council agreed that, subject to contact to being made by the next of kin and their agreement, it was prepared to allow the deceased's therapy money (£3,000) to be used to cover funeral expenses.

The Council noted that the Chief Nurse, Health and Social Services (HSSD) had been asked to evaluate those closest to the deceased who had recently accessed HSSD services to ensure that welfare checks were undertaken and input provided where appropriate.

The officers were directed to take the necessary action.