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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(46th Meeting)

20th April 2016**PART A (Non-exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister, Deputy S.G. Luce of St. Martin, Minister for the Environment, Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Peter, Minister for Home Affairs, Deputy A.E. Pryke of Trinity, Minister for Housing and Deputy S.J. Pinel of St. Clement, Minister for Social Security, from whom apologies for absence had been received

Senator A.K.F. Green, M.B.E, Minister for Health and Social Services – Deputy Chief Minister - Chairman
 Senator L.J. Farnham, Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture
 Deputy R.G. Bryans of St. Helier, Minister for Education
 Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache, Minister for External Relations
 Deputy E.J. Noel of St. Lawrence, Minister for Infrastructure
 Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Treasury and Resources
 Connétable D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence, Assistant Minister for Home Affairs (present for items A1-A3 and B5)
 Connétable S.W. Pallett of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for the 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
 J.D. Richardson, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 Dr. M. Egan, Greffier of the States
 R.J. MacRae, Q.C., H.M. Attorney General
 R. Bell, Treasurer of the States (for item B1)
 C. Hastings, Director of Strategic Procurement, Chief Minister's Department (for item B1)
 A. Scate, Chief Executive Officer, Department of the Environment and Lead for Public Sector Reform (for item B2)
 D. Walwyn, Director – External Relations, Ministry for External Relations (for item B3)
 S. Peat, Director of Digital and Telecoms Policy, Chief Minister's Department (for item B4)
 P. Bradbury, Director – Corporate Policy, Chief Minister's Department (for items A2)
 C. Stephenson, Director of Employment Relations, States Human Resources (for item A2)
 V. Page, Policy and Research Officer
 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.

Welcome to
visitor from St.
Helena
Government:
Mrs. C.
George.

The Deputy Chief Minister welcomed to the meeting Mrs. Carol George from the St. Helena Government, who was visiting Jersey in order to broaden her experience.

Minutes.

A1. The Minutes of the meetings held on 3rd February (Part B only), 5th February (Part B only), 10th February (Part A and Part B) and 24th February 2016 (Part A and Part B), having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

States business
26.04.2016.
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A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 16th March 2016, and with the Director – Corporate Policy, Chief Minister’s Department and the Director of Employment Relations, States Human Resources in attendance, noted the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly on 26th April 2016, and commented specifically on the following –

Draft Former La Motte Street School (Validation and Abrogation of Covenants) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.9/2016)

Lodged: 17th February 2016 - *Minister for Infrastructure.*

The Council, having noted that the enactment of the Law would enable the site to be used more effectively by the States, supported the draft Law.

Draft Education (Provided Schools – Amendment of Law) (Jersey) Regulations 201-(P.14/2016)

Lodged: 29th February 2016 - *Minister for Education.*

The Council supported the draft Regulations.

Draft Education (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.15/2016)

Lodged: 29th February 2016 - *Minister for Education.*

The Council supported the draft Law.

Draft Protection of Children (Nicotine Inhaling Products) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.23/2016)

Lodged: 11th March 2016 - *Minister for Health and Social Services.*

The Council supported the draft Regulations.

Draft Dormant Bank Accounts (Jersey) Law 201- (P.25/2016).

Lodged: 15th March 2016 - *Chief Minister.*

The Council supported the draft Law, noting that the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel had indicated its intention of ‘calling-in’ the draft Law for scrutiny.

Draft Extradition (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.26/2016)

Lodged: 15th March 2016 - *Chief Minister.*

The Council supported the draft Law and, having noted that Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache – rapporteur for this item – would be unavailable on 26th April 2016, decided to defer consideration of P.26/2016 for 2 weeks.

Outsourcing (P.29/2016)

Lodged: 18th March 2016 - *Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.*

The Council agreed to oppose the proposition on the basis that it was impractical and would jeopardise the government’s ability to balance the Island’s public finances. The Council further agreed that separate comments should be presented to the States in the name of the Council and the States Employment Board.

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Westway Donations Council: appointment of member (P.31/2016)

Lodged: 22nd March 2016 - *Minister for Health and Social Services.*

The Council supported the proposition.

Forthcoming
announcements.

A3. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A3 of 16th March 2016, discussed with the Assistant Director – Ministerial Support and Communications, Chief Minister’s Department a schedule of forthcoming announcements/communications.

Notable amongst these events were an announcement by the Health and Social services department regarding its Acute Surgery Strategy; and also the release of details about the closure of that part of Meteorological Office which carried out airfield observation, which function was to move to the Air Traffic Control Service.

The Council also noted the intention of the Department of Community and Constitutional Affairs to commission the Police Service of Northern Ireland to investigate a complaint against the States of Jersey police by Mr. R. Boschat.