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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(53rd Meeting)

23rd June 2016**PART A (Non-exempt)**

All members were present.

Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister  
 Senator L.J. Farnham, Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (for items B1 and B3)  
 Deputy R.G. Bryans of St. Helier, Minister for Education  
 Deputy S.G. Luce of St. Martin, Minister for the Environment  
 Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache, Minister for External Relations  
 Senator A.K.F. Green, M.B.E, Minister for Health and Social Services  
 Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Peter, Minister for Home Affairs  
 Deputy A.E. Pryke of Trinity, Minister for Housing  
 Deputy E.J. Noel of St. Lawrence, Minister for Infrastructure  
 Deputy S.J. Pinel of St. Clement, Minister for Social Security  
 Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Treasury and Resources

In attendance -

Senator P.F. Routier, M.B.E., Assistant Chief Minister  
 Connétable S. W. Pallett of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (for item B3)  
 Deputy M.J. Norton of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (for item B3)  
 J.D. Richardson, Chief Executive, States of Jersey (for items A1, A2, B1 and B3–B6)  
 M. Egan, Greffier of the States  
 R.J. MacRae, Q.C., H.M. Attorney General  
 R. Bell, Treasurer of the States (for item B1, B2 and B3)  
 C. Haws, Head of Financial Planning (for item B1)  
 D. Lutes, Managing Director, Marcom Collective (for item B1)  
 C. Keir, Assistant Director - Ministerial Support and Communications (for item B1)  
 C. Donnelly, Executive Support, Chief Minister's Department (for item B1)  
 K. Nutt, Head of Service – External Relations Department (for item B2)  
 D. Walwyn, Director, International Affairs, Chief Minister's Department (for item B2)  
 V. Dempsey, Legal Adviser, Law Officers' Department (for item B2)  
 G. White, Legal Adviser, Law Officers' Department (for item B2)  
 D. Marcos, Senior External Relations Officer, External Relations Department (for item B2)  
 S. Le Quesne, Communications Officer, Chief Minister's Department (for item B2)  
 A. Scate, Chief Executive Officer, Department of the Environment (for item B3)  
 A. Sugden, Deputy Chief Officer, Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (for item B3)  
 R. Stevens, Human Resources Director, Chief Minister's Department (for items B4 – B6)

P. Bradbury, Director – Corporate Policy, Chief Minister’s Department (for items A1 and A2)  
V. Page, Policy and Research Officer (for items A1, A2 and B3-B6)  
K.L. Slack, Committee Clerk, States Greffe

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

Minutes. A1. The Minutes of the meetings held on 24th March 2016 (Part B only) and 20th April 2016 (Part B only), having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

States business 28.06.2016. 1240/7/1(1) A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A1 of 8th June 2016, and with the Director – Corporate Policy, Chief Minister’s Department, in attendance, noted the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly on 28th June 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 noted that this matter would be deferred to the States meeting to be held on 12th July 2016.

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

*Lodged 15th March 2016 – Chief Minister*

The Council noted that considerable debate had taken place with the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel in respect of this draft Law and that the Chief Minister had lodged an amendment to address the issues raised by the Panel. The Council supported the draft Law, as amended.

**Draft Sea Fisheries (Bag Limits) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.45/2016)**

*Lodged 16th May 2016 – Minister for the Environment*

**Draft Sea Fisheries (Inshore Trawling, Netting and Dredging) (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.46/2016)**

*Lodged 16th May 2016 – Minister for the Environment*

**Draft Sea Fisheries (Inshore Waters) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.47/2016)**

*Lodged 16th May 2016 – Minister for the Environment*

**Draft Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Amendment No.5) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.48/2016)**

*Lodged 16th May 2016 – Minister for the Environment*

The Council supported these 4 sets of Regulations and noted that they were to be introduced for conservation reasons and to prevent commercialisation of low-water fishing. It was noted that a briefing for States Members had been arranged for 27th June 2016.

**Bailiff of Jersey: cessation of dual role and the appointment of an elected Speaker of the States (P.54/2016)**

*Lodged 24th May 2016 – Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade*

The Council noted that Deputy Tadier had indicated that there would be no financial or manpower implications arising from the Proposition. It expressed the view that there would, no doubt, be costs associated with the establishment of a Speaker’s Office.

**States of Jersey Law 2005: proposal to amend bankruptcy provisions**  
(P.55/2016)

*Lodged 24th May 2016 – Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier*

The Council was of the view that any proposition which sought to make important constitutional changes should provide evidence for such alterations, clearly outlining the problem that the proposition sought to address. It also felt that responsibility for the consideration of the election of members to the States rested, primarily, with the Privileges and Procedures Committee and, accordingly, decided that it should present a comment which indicated that it would not support the Proposition for the foregoing reasons.

**Draft Amendment (No.29) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey**  
(P.62/2016)

*Lodged 31st May 2016 – Minister for the Environment*

The Council noted that the purpose of the draft amendment was to rename the Planning Applications Committee as the Planning Committee in order to prevent confusion between the acronym for the Committee and the Public Accounts Committee. The Council supported the Proposition.