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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(62nd Meeting)

23rd November 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
 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
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Assistant Chief Minister (present for item B1)
 Deputy M.J. Norton of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture
 J.D. Richardson, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 R.J. MacRae, Q.C., H.M. Attorney General
 R. Bell, Treasurer of the States (for item B1)
 A. Rogers, Director of Financial Planning and Performance, Treasury and Resources Department (for item B1)
 P. Bradbury, Director – Corporate Policy, Chief Minister’s Department
 A. Metcalf, Director, Chief Minister’s Department (for item B2)
 R. Stevens, Human Resources Director, States of Jersey, Chief Minister’s Department (for item B3)
 D. Drieu, Senior Organisational Development Manager, Chief Minister’s Department (for item B3)
 C. Keir, Assistant Director - Ministerial Support and Communications
 P. Monamy, Clerk to the Council of Ministers
 G. Repetto, on a Ministry for External Relations placement from Tristan da Cunha
 T. Lyon, Hautlieu student ‘work shadowing’ the Greffier of the States

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

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A1. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A1 of 9th November 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 29th November 2016 and commented specifically on the following:

Ministerial Government: referendum (P.94/2016)

The Council recognised that Deputy J.A. Martin's proposition, and amendment, failed to address the inevitable costs of moving from one system to another, which in the case of the change from the previous Committee system to Ministerial Government in 2005 had been significant. It was considered that it would be far from simple to return to the previous Committee system, with the move to Ministerial Government having involved a 3-year transitional period. In any event, the Deputy had made no proposals regarding the form that an alternative system of government might take. As part of its consideration of how best to oppose the proposition, the Council agreed to hold a 'workshop-style' event at which a paper on the "Government of Jersey" and other relevant matters could be discussed. The Council, having considered a draft of its proposed comment on the proposition, accordingly delegated to the Chief Minister and the Minister for External Relations responsibility for finalising its comment for presentation to the States Assembly in due course.

Draft Employment (Minimum Wage) (Amendment No. 13) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.107/2016)

The Council supported the draft Regulations.

Draft United Nations Financial Sanctions (Jersey) Law 201- (P.108/2016)

The Council supported the draft Law.

Future Hospital: preferred site (P.110/2016) and Amendment

The Council, with the Future Hospital Project Team in attendance, noted an update on the approach to, and responses received from, stakeholder engagement of the preferred site for the Future Hospital described in P.110/2016. It was recalled that following announcement on 14th June 2016 by the Minister for Health and Social Services (HSS) that the new General Hospital should be located on the current Jersey General Hospital site, a period of stakeholder engagement had been undertaken. Feedback from States Members workshops, Parish Hall and other Parish-based events, HSS Department Clinical and other staff, States of Jersey staff more widely, the general public, social media and a range of other engagement opportunities indicated a wide range of support for the proposal. Whilst there remained some residual support for other sites, it was recognised that there was currently no organised public opposition either to the preferred site or in favour of an alternative site. The Council accepted that some issues remained which would need continued sensitive and respectful management in the next phase of stakeholder engagement in the period December 2016 to July 2017. The Minister for HSS emphasised that, in relation to the amendment to the proposition, lodged 'au Greffe' by the Connétable of St. John, which sought to suggest an alternative site for the new Hospital on "the south side of the Waterfront site, not including any part of Les Jardins de la Mer", this was a different proposal to the previously considered 'Proposal D' and one which had not been professionally evaluated. Consequently, the assertions by the Connétable that the Waterfront site would be cheaper than the General Hospital site; that it could be completed more quickly (by 2 years); and that it performed better than the General Hospital site in terms of 'weighted benefits ranking' and 'weighted risks' ranking remained untested. It was emphasised that the 'campus model' for a hospital recognised that not everything provided was necessarily required to be in an acute/emergency setting, with clinicians favouring an outward-facing venue. The Council considered in outline various options relating to the provision of nursing staff/'key worker' accommodation involving Sir Peter Crill House, Westaway House and the 1980's hospital block, and asked that as a point of principle any housing lost as part of the project should be replaced over the life of the project with new supply over and above that already planned. The Council, having recalled the attributes of the General Hospital site which could not be achieved at the Waterfront site, and taking into consideration the significant degree of public support and support from Hospital Clinical Staff for the General Hospital

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site, delegated to the Minister for HSS and the Minister for Infrastructure responsibility for finalisation of its comments once the Report of the Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel had been published and the details of any recommendations were known. The Council further noted the intention of the Minister for HSS to present to the States in due course the 'Stakeholder Engagement Report' emanating from the workshops and other Parish-based and public engagement. The Minister for HSS expressed his appreciation to the Future Hospital Project Team for the large volume of work devoted to the project.

Greville Bathe Fund: appointment of Jurat (P.112/2016)

The Council supported the proposition.

Draft Road Works and Events (Jersey) Law 2016 (Appointed Day) Act 201- (P.114/2016)

The Council supported the draft Appointed Day Act.

Minimum Wage: revised hourly rate from 1st April 2017 (P.115/2016)

The Council noted the intention of the Minister for Social Security to oppose Deputy S. Mézec's proposal that a new Order should be made fixing the minimum wage at £7.20 per hour from 1st April 2017, instead of the current Order which had put in place an hourly rate of £7.18. Having been apprised by the Minister of the rationale for opposing the proposition, the Council noted a draft of the comment to be presented to the States Assembly by the Minister. The Council accordingly supported the stance adopted by the Minister in having concurred with the unanimous recommendation of the Employment Forum in September 2016 for a 3 per cent increase to a level of £7.18, and agreed that the proposition should be opposed.