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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(72nd Meeting)

26th April 2017**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 (not  
 present for items A1 and A2)  
 Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache, Minister for External Relations (not present  
 for items A1, A2 and B4-B9)  
 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 to the Chief Minister  
 Connétable J.M. Refault of St. Peter, Assistant Minister for Treasury and  
 Resources (for items A1, A2 and B6-B9)  
 Deputy G.J. Truscott of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Social  
 Security (for items B3)  
 Deputy P.D. McLinton of St. Saviour, Assistant Minister for Health and  
 Social Services (for item B2)  
 J.D. Richardson, Chief Executive, States of Jersey  
 Dr. M. Egan, Greffier of the States  
 R.J. MacRae, Q.C., H.M. Attorney General  
 C. Walwyn, Director – Finance, Education Department (for item B1)  
 T. Mourant, Executive Officer, Education Department (for item B2)  
 J. Garbutt, Chief Officer, Health and Social Services Department  
 (HSSD) (for item B2)  
 R. Williams, Director of System Redesign and Delivery, HSSD (for item  
 B2)  
 R. Corrigan, Chief Officer – Financial Services, Competition and  
 Enterprise, Chief Minister’s Department (for item B7)  
 T. McMinigal, Policy Officer, Chief Minister’s Department (for item B3)  
 S. Hayward, Director of Treasury Operations and Investments, Treasury  
 and Resources Department (for item B3)  
 V. McEneaney, Strategic Adviser, Chief Minister’s Department (for item  
 B3)  
 G. Boyd, Economist, Chief Minister’s Department (for item B3)  
 R. McLoughlin, Cultural Development Officer, Economic Development,  
 Tourism, Sport and Culture Department (for item B4)  
 S. O’Regan, Director – Standards and Achievement, Education  
 Department (for item B4)

M. Sargent, Jèrriais Teacher (for item B4)  
A. Cattermole, Jèrriais Teacher (for item B4)  
R. Bell, Treasurer of the States (for items B5-B8)  
R. Summersgill, Comptroller of Taxes and Competent Authority,  
Treasury and Resources Department (for item B5)  
H. Miles, Director – Criminal Justice, Department of Community and  
Constitutional Affairs (for item B6)  
C. Donnelly, Executive Support Officer, Chief Minister’s Department  
(for item B6)  
G. Pearmain, Lead Policy Adviser – Private Wealth and Financial Crime,  
Chief Minister’s Department (for item B7)  
Detective Inspector L. Turner, States of Jersey Police (for item B7)  
A. Rogers, Director Treasury and Resources (for item B8)  
P. Bradbury, Director – Corporate Policy, Chief Minister’s Department  
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.

States business  
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A1. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 22nd March 2017, 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 2nd May 2017 and commented specifically on the undermentioned items:

**Future Hospital funding strategy (as amended)** (P.130/2016(Re-issue)(2)) and amendments

*[See Minute No. B8 of this meeting]*

**Draft The Law Society of Jersey (Amendment No. 4) Law 201-** (P.136/2016)

The Council noted that the draft Law sought to amend The Law Society of Jersey Law 2005 (a) to make provision in the 2005 law for the recognition and disciplinary control of legal service bodies; and (b) to revise and improve the procedure in the 2005 Law for dealing with complaints of professional misconduct against advocates, solicitors and legal service bodies. The Council agreed that it supported the draft Law.

**E-Petitions** (P.14/2017)

The Council noted that the proposition of Deputy S.M. Wickenden of St. Helier sought the agreement of the States to the introduction of a system for enabling people to petition the Assembly by electronic means, and that, as an agreed position within the Council was not required, Ministers would therefore have a free vote.

**Draft Public Finances (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Law 201-** (P.15/2017) and amendment

The Council noted that the draft Law proposed an amendment to the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005, which amendment would be a direct consequence in the event of the adoption by the States of P.130/2016 – ‘Future Hospital Funding Strategy’ (as amended on 18th January 2017). The Council supported the draft Law.

**Draft States of Jersey (Amendment No. 9) Law 201-** (P.18/2017) and amendments

The Council noted that the proposition sought to implement the decision made by the States Assembly on 2nd February 2017, when it approved P.133/2016, so as to change Schedule 1 to restate the electoral districts for the position of Deputy across the Island, and also to reduce the number of Deputies in the Assembly to 28. The

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Council also noted that, as an agreed position within the Council was not required, Ministers would therefore have a free vote.

**States of Jersey Complaints Panel: appointment of members (P.20/2017)**

The Council noted that the proposition sought the appointment of 4 persons as members of the Panel, from whom members of Complaints Boards could be drawn, for a period of 5 years. The Council recognised that, as an agreed position within the Council was not required, Ministers would therefore have a free vote.

Forthcoming  
announcements.

A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A3 of 22nd March 2017, discussed with the Director – Corporate Policy, Chief Minister’s Department, a schedule of forthcoming announcements and communications.

The Council noted the following –

- (1) that the Minister for Infrastructure intended to proceed with separate propositions seeking the agreement of the States to the introduction of (a) liquid waste and (b) solid waste disposal charges, with the former to be lodged ‘au Greffe’ on 12th May 2017 (for debate on 18th July 2017, if possible); and the latter to be lodged ‘au Greffe’ on 15th June 2017 (with a view to the debate taking place on 26th September 2017); and
- (2) that the Minister for Infrastructure would shortly be meeting representatives of Liberty Bus and the United Kingdom Department for Transport regarding the enfranchising of bus services in the UK as Jersey’s service has been identified as an exemplar both in the House of Lords and the House of Commons; and
- (3) that the Minister for Infrastructure would shortly be announcing the end of the Car2Cycle scheme as it had achieved its 3-year target in the first year.