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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(81st Meeting)

26th July 2017**PART A (Non-exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister, Deputy E.J. Noel of St. Lawrence, Minister for Infrastructure and Deputy S.J. Pinel of St. Clement, Minister for Social Security, from whom apologies for absence had been received.

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
 Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Treasury and Resources

In attendance -

Senator P.F. Routier, M.B.E., Assistant to the Chief Minister
 Deputy G.J. Truscott of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Social Security
 Deputy M.J. Norton of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (for item B2)
 J.D. Richardson, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 M.H. Temple, Q.C., H.M. Solicitor General
 E. Littlechild, Director of Operational Services, Department for Infrastructure (DfI) (for item B1)
 B. Hoy, Assistant Director Designate – Technical Services, DfI (for item B1)
 S. Driscoll, Chief Operating Officer and Airport Director, Ports of Jersey (for item B1)
 A. de Bourcier, Director of Consumer Affairs and Trading Standards, Department for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (for item B2)
 P. Bradbury, Director - Corporate Policy, Chief Minister's Department
 M. Clark, Acting Clerk to the Council of Ministers

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

Forthcoming
 announcements.

A1. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A3 of 28th June 2017, discussed with the Director – Corporate Policy, Chief Minister's Department a schedule of forthcoming announcements and communications and noted the following:

- (a) the process to recruit a Children's Commissioner would begin by the end of July 2017;

- (b) the Sub-Committee tasked with examining the options for Higher Education funding was now expected to publish an update for Members during September 2017;
- (c) the recent report in the Jersey Evening Post (J.E.P.) that 3 Iranian nationals had arrived in Jersey illegally by private boat had contained a number of factual inaccuracies and the Minister for Home Affairs indicated that she would be writing to the Editor of the J.E.P. in order to clarify the position;
- (d) consultation on a new sexual offences law would begin in August 2017;
- (e) contractors would be appointed for the planned extension to the Jersey Archive during August 2017;
- (f) proposals were under consideration for the extension of the Millennium Town Park;
- (g) consultation on the Infrastructure Levy would close in September 2017;
- (h) a Report (R.87/2017) entitled 'Brexit information Report: July 2017 update' had been presented to the States Assembly and would be the subject of an in-Committee debate on 26th September 2017;
- (i) States Members had been briefed on the draft population policy report, prepared by the Chief Minister's Department, which was currently being checked by officers, prior to being circulated to Ministers on 7th August 2017. It was noted that the intention was to lodge the report in early September 2017;
- (j) a draft proposition on the Minimum Wage would be shortly circulated to Ministers for review and discussion at a subsequent meeting; and
- (k) the next meeting of the Council of Ministers would take place on 6th September 2017.