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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(89th Meeting)

18th October 2017**PART A (Non-exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy R.G. Bryans of St. Helier, Minister for Education and Deputy S.G. Luce of St. Martin, Minister for the Environment, from whom apologies for absence had been received.

Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister (not present for items B4 and B5)
 Senator L.J. Farnham, Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (not present for items B3-B5 and B7)
 Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache, Minister for External Relations (not present for items A1, A2 and B4-B6)
 Senator A.K.F. Green, M.B.E, Minister for Health and Social Services (not present for items B1 and B7)
 Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Peter, Minister for Home Affairs (not present for item B2)
 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 Health and Social Services
 Deputy P.D. McLinton of St. Saviour, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services
 Deputy M.J. Norton of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (for item B6)
 J.D. Richardson, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 Dr. M. Egan, Greffier of the States
 M.H. Temple, Q.C., H.M. Solicitor General
 T. Walker, Chief Officer, Community and Constitutional Affairs (CCA) Department (for items B1 and B2)
 A. Heaven, Director of Children's Policy, CCA Department (for item B1)
 A. Metcalf, Director – Constitutional Affairs and Justice Policy, CCA Department (for item B1)
 S. Devlin, Managing Director of Community and Social Services, Health and Social Services Department (for item B1)
 P. Matthews, Judicial Greffier (for item B2)
 D. Dixon, Legal Adviser, Law Officers' Department (for item B2)
 W. Lakeman, Policy principal, Social Security Department (for item B2)
 R. Bell, Treasurer of the States (for item B3)
 J. Garbutt, Chief Officer, Health and Social Services Department (for item B3)
 R. Foster, Director of Estates, Jersey Property Holdings, Department for Infrastructure (for items B3 and B5)
 H. O'Shea, Managing Director, Health and Social Services Department

B. Place, Project Director for Health Brief, Health and Social Services Department
M. Penney, Director of Gleeds Management Services, a member of the Future Hospital Project Team (for item B3)
Dr. D. Gibaut, Chief Statistician, Chief Minister's Department (for item B4)
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 4th October 2017, discussed with the Director – Corporate Policy, Chief Minister's Department the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly on 31st October 2017 and commented specifically on the undermentioned items as indicated:

Brexit Information Report: July 2017 update (R.87/2017) In committee debate The Council noted that the Report set out the steps taken by the Government of Jersey since its last Report on Brexit and the notification by the Government of the United Kingdom under Article 50 of the U.K.'s intention to withdraw from the European Union (E.U.).

Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.66/2017)

The Council noted that the Regulations would introduce minimum health and safety standards with respect to rented dwellings, and provide an enforcement mechanism where such dwellings failed to reach the required standards. The Council supported the draft Regulations.

Draft Building Loans (Amendment No. 13) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.79/2017)

The Council noted that an amendment to the Building Loans (Jersey) Law 1950 was required in order to render it consistent with the Building Loans (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Regulations 1961. The draft Regulations accordingly included provision enabling the Minister for Housing to vary the interest calculation methodology applied to States loans to ensure it remained compliant with modern practice, which provision would close the present inconsistency. The Council supported the draft Regulations.

Draft Health and Safety at Work (Freight Containers Safety Convention) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.80/2017)

The Council noted that the Regulations would amend the Health and Safety at Work (Freight Containers Safety Convention) (Jersey) Regulations 1994 to reflect changes made to the International Convention on Safe Containers 1972 by the International Maritime Organization's Resolutions MSC 310(88) adopted on 3rd December 2010 and MSC 355(92) adopted on 21st June 2013. The Council supported the draft Regulations.

States of Jersey Budget 2017: allocation to the Parishes of funds set aside for the payment of rates on States' properties (P.81/2017)

The Council noted that the proposition of the Connétable of St. Helier sought the agreement of the States that part of the amount approved in the Draft Medium Term Financial Plan Addition for 2017-2019 (P.68/2016) was no longer required to be expended (specifically, that part relating to the payment of rates), and to agree to

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request the Ministers for Treasury and Resources, and for Infrastructure to take the steps necessary to transfer the sum of £899,960.48 no longer required to Contingency expenditure, and then the Minister for Treasury and Resources to transfer that sum to the Parishes by way of ex gratia payments. The Council noted that the Minister for Infrastructure proposed to seek to amend the proposition such that the funds would be used for infrastructure projects within the Parishes.

Draft Social Security (Christmas Bonus) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.82/2017)

The Council noted that the Regulations would automatically provide a Christmas Bonus each year to every pensioner who was member of the Pension Plus Scheme (formerly the '65+ Health Scheme'). The Council supported the draft Regulations.

Forthcoming
announcements.

A3. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A3 of 4th October 2017, discussed with the Director – Corporate Policy, Chief Minister's Department forthcoming announcements.

The Council noted that an announcement would be made shortly regarding the early departure of Mr. J.D. Richardson as Chief Executive Officer, States of Jersey.