

PM/MH/023

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(97th Meeting)

19th January 2018

[Business conducted by electronic mail]

**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 -

C. Parker, Chief Executive, States of Jersey and Head of the Public  
 Service  
 R.J. MacRae, Q.C., H.M. Attorney General  
 Dr. H. Miles, Director – Criminal Justice, Community and Constitutional  
 Affairs Department  
 M. Berry, Legal Adviser, Law Officers' Department  
 P. Bradbury, Director - Corporate Policy, Chief Minister's Department  
 P. Monamy, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A only.

Draft Sexual  
 Offences  
 (Jersey) Law  
 201-: lodging  
 'au Greffe.'  
 1530/99(1)

A1. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. B2 of 10th January 2018, considered a revised draft of the Sexual Offences (Jersey) Law 201-, the purpose of which was to make new provision on sexual offences, replacing most, but not all, of the existing statutory and customary law offences, and creating new offences as well as amending provisions on sexual offences in other legislation. It was noted that the Law was not a complete code of sexual offences (in particular it did not cover indecent images, and it preserved the customary law offence of indecent assault), but it did contain much of the relevant Law.

Having noted the revisions which had been made to the draft legislation, as requested at its previous meeting, the Council accordingly supported the draft Law, together with the explanatory report to accompany the projet, and requested the Minister for Home Affairs to proceed to lodging it 'au Greffe' in her name.

The officers were directed to take the necessary action.