



Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Records of Meetings

2024

The following records of meetings have been approved by the Panel.

The constitution of the Panel changed in early 2024. Deputy Sam Mézec was appointed to a ministerial role on 30th January 2024. The Panel folded and Deputy Helen Miles was appointed to Chair of the Panel on 6th February 2024. Subsequently, the Panel was constituted on 27th February 2024.

Chair of the Panel to 29th January 2024

Signed

Chair
Deputy Sam Mézec

Chair of the Panel from 6th February 2024

Signed

Chair
Deputy Helen Miles

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Record of Meeting

Date: 9th January 2024

Present	Deputy Sam Mézec, Chair Deputy Max Andrews, Vice Chair Deputy Lyndon Farnham
In attendance	Deputy Lyndsay Feltham [<i>Item 2 only</i>] Monique Magalhaes, Committee and Panel Officer Alex Cameron, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Records of Meetings The Panel noted and approved the record of the meeting held 19 th December 2023.	AC
2. People and Culture Follow-up Review The Panel noted and discussed the progress of the review. The Panel considered options for further evidence gathering and agreed to invite to a meeting a private individual who had contacted the Panel in relation to its review. The Panel requested the Officers to arrange the meeting. The Panel considered and agreed the draft question plan for the upcoming review hearing with local trade unions, JCSA Prospect and Unite Jersey, scheduled for Friday 12 th January 2024.	AC AC
3. Independent Taxation Legislation The Panel received an updated timeline for the lodging of the draft legislation, which was shared with the Panel in confidence on 14 th December 2023. The Panel noted that the draft legislation was not yet lodged, however, recalled the intention was for it to be lodged prior to it receiving the briefing on the draft legislation which was scheduled for 15 th January 2024. The Panel recalled its previous discussion around stakeholder engagement on the previous proposals (P.41/2023), which were subsequently withdrawn, and agreed to request further feedback from stakeholders once the draft legislation was lodged.	MM
4. Wills and Successions Legislation The Panel noted and discussed the Draft Wills and Successions (Amendment No.3 – Collateral Succession of Immovable Estate) Law 202- (P.105/2023), lodged on 22 nd December 2023 for earliest debate on 6 th February 2024. The Panel received an Officer update in relation to the briefing requested and, upon discussing its scrutiny approach, agreed to draft a Comments paper to inform the States Assembly debate on the	AC/MM

proposition. The Panel noted that it was awaiting confirmation from Government regarding when the briefing could take place the following week.	
5. Statistics and Census Legislation The Panel noted that a briefing on the Draft Statistics and Census (Amendment)(Jersey) Law 202 - was scheduled for the following day. The Panel recalled that the Government had requested the Panel's initial views on the draft legislation and its intended scrutiny approach of the proposals to allow for sufficient time for Scrutiny to undertake its work prior to the States' debate on the proposition. The Panel noted the intention was for the draft legislation to be lodged subsequent to the Panel receiving the briefing and providing an indication of its required timeline for the scrutiny process. The Panel agreed to discuss this further following the briefing.	MM
6. Delivery Plans 2023 Progress Reports The Panel noted and discussed the 2023 Delivery Plan Progress Reports of the Chief Minister and Minister for Treasury and Resources. In respect of the Chief Minister's report, the Panel highlighted the cancellation of the States of Jersey Employment Law workstream and the decision of the States Employment Board (SEB) to not recruit for a Jersey Public Service Ombudsperson in advance of the legislation, overturning its previous decision. The Panel agreed to write to both Ministers to request greater detail on the proposed lodging timelines for the 2024 legislative programmes for the remits of the Chief Minister and the Minister for Treasury and Resources as outlined within the Ministerial Plans for 2024, so that it could further consider its work programme for 2024. The Panel additionally agreed to request further detail from the Chief Minister on the SEBs decision to not recruit for an Ombudsperson in advance of the legislation as previously suggested, as this decision conflicted with information provided in a letter received by the Panel from the Chief Minister on 18 th August 2023.	AC
7. Work Programme 2024 The Panel noted and discussed its upcoming work programme for 2024 and agreed to monitor the developments of the Government's proposals before considering it further. The Panel noted that quarter one appeared particularly busy, considering the carryover of legislative workstreams from 2023 to 2024. The Panel agreed to endeavour to complete its People and Culture Follow-up Review prior to the summer recess, if possible. The Panel was content with its upcoming work programme to date, however, agreed to consider and revert with any potential additional matters of interest for review which would likely be possible to commence in the summer, depending on how its work programme developed.	MM
8. Next Meeting The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting would be held at 10am on Tuesday 23 rd January 2024 in the Blampied Room, States Building.	

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Record of Meeting

Date: 10th January 2024

Present	Deputy Sam Mézec, Chair Deputy Max Andrews, Vice Chair
Apologies	Deputy Lyndon Farnham
In attendance	Francis Walker, Head of Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Daniel Edmunds, Principal Statistician, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Monique Magalhaes, Committee and Panel Officer Alex Cameron, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Briefing: Draft Statistics and Census (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 202- The Panel received Francis Walker, Head of Policy, and Daniel Edmunds, Principal Statistician—both of Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance—for a briefing to amend the Statistics and Census (Jersey) Law 2018 to bring Jersey's statistical system in line with international best practice. The meeting was held in private in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 35.	

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Record of Meeting

Date: 12th January 2024

Present	Deputy Sam Mézec, Chair Deputy Max Andrews, Vice Chair Deputy Lyndon Farnham
In attendance	Items 1, 2 and 3 Deputy Lyndsay Feltham Item 2 Chris Hopkins, President, JCSA Prospect James Turner, Regional Officer, Unite Jersey Monique Magalhaes, Committee and Panel Officer Alex Cameron, Research and Project Officer Gwyn Garfield-Bennett, Communications Officer <i>[Items 2 and 3]</i>

Agenda matter	Action
1. People & Culture Follow-up Review Hearing: Pre-hearing The Panel discussed and agreed the areas of questioning for the review hearing with JCSA Prospect and Unite Jersey scheduled to take place that afternoon.	
2. People & Culture Follow-up Review Hearing The Panel received Chris Hopkins, President of JCSA Prospect, and James Turner, Regional Officer of Unite Jersey, for the review hearing. The hearing was webcast live, recorded and transcribed.	
3. People & Culture Follow-up Review Hearing: Post-hearing The Panel discussed and agreed the areas to include in a media release to highlight the key areas of discussion that had taken place during the review hearing.	GG

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Record of Meeting

Date: 15th January 2024

Present	Deputy Sam Mézec, Chair Deputy Max Andrews, Vice Chair Deputy Lyndon Farnham
In attendance	Item 1 only Deputy Ian Gorst, Minister for Treasury and Resources Deputy Steve Ahier, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources Tom Queree, Deputy Director of Tax Policy, Treasury and Exchequer Richard Summersgill, Comptroller, Treasury and Exchequer Blair Davis, Manager - Tax Policy and Technical, Treasury and Exchequer Abbie Moore, Assistant Private Secretary, Office of the Chief Executive Item 2 only Connétable David Johnson, Legislation Advisory Panel Deputy Philip Bailhache, Legislation Advisory Panel Matthew Berry, Legal Adviser, Law Officers' Department Paul Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Support, Office of the Chief Executive Tom Leveridge, Assistant Legal Adviser, Law Officers' Department Ben Markwell-Sales, Governance and Business Officer, Cabinet Office Monique Magalhaes, Committee and Panel Officer Alex Cameron, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Private Briefing: Independent Taxation Legislation The Panel received Deputy Ian Gorst, the Minister for Treasury and Resources, Deputy Steve Ahier, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources, and Officers, for a briefing to update them on the proposals for the Independent Taxation legislation. Following the adoption by the States Assembly of clause (b) of P.32/2023 , the Minister for Treasury and Resources was required to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Independent Taxation proposals included a joint taxation option for - married couples and civil partners. The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 35.	
2. Briefing: Draft Wills and Successions Legislation The Panel received Connétable David Johnson and Deputy Philip Bailhache from the Legislation Advisory Panel, and Officers for a briefing on the Draft Wills and Successions (Amendment No. 3 – Collateral Succession of Immovable Estate (Jersey) Law 202- (P.105/2023) (the 'draft Law'). The draft Law proposed to improve (modernise) the customary law relating to intestate collateral succession and bring Jersey into compliance with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against	

Women ('CEDAW'). The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 35.	
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