

STATES OF JERSEY ORDER PAPER

Tuesday 16th May 2006

A. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

B. TABLING OF SUBORDINATE ENACTMENTS

C. DOCUMENTS PRESENTED OR LAID

Jersey Teachers' Superannuation Fund: actuarial valuation as at 31st December 2001. R.36/2006.

Presented: 3rd May 2006.

Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.

The Zero/Ten Design Proposal – Consultation document. R.37/2006.

Presented: 5th May 2006.

Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Jersey Council for Safety and Health at Work: report for the period 1st July 2004 to 31st December 2005. R.38/2006.

Presented: 8th May 2006.

Minister for Social Security.

Administrative Decisions (Review) (Jersey) Law 1982, as amended: report of the Administrative Appeals Panel for 2005. R.39/2006.

Presented: 8th May 2006.

Privileges and Procedures Committee.

Charing Cross: vacant site – petition (P.38/2006) – comments. P.38/2006.

Presented: 11th May 2006.

Com.

Assistant Minister for Planning and Environment.

Charing Cross: vacant site – petition (P.38/2006) – comments. P.38/2006.

Presented: 12th May 2006.

Com.(2)

Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Charing Cross: vacant site – petition (P.38/2006) – comments. P.38/2006.

Presented: 12th May 2006.

Com.(3)

Council of Ministers.

Island Plan 2002, Policy H2: Fields 848, 851, 853, and 854 P.48/2006.

(P.48/2006) – comments.

Com.

Presented: 8th May 2006.

Minister for Planning and Environment.

Island Plan 2002, Policy H2: Fields 848, 851, 853, and 854 P.48/2006.

(P.48/2006) – comments – addendum.

Com.Add.

Presented: 12th May 2006.

Minister for Planning and Environment.

D. NOTIFICATION OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

Draft Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 2nd May 2006. <i>Minister for Planning and Environment.</i>	P.49/2006.
Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie Executive Committee: membership. Lodged: 3rd May 2006. <i>Connétable of St. Ouen.</i>	P.50/2006.
Administrative Appeals Panel: membership. Lodged 8th May 2006. <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee.</i>	P.51/2006.
Draft Customs and Excise (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 200-. Lodged: 11th May 2006. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.52/2006.
Draft Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 200-. Lodged: 11th May 2006. <i>Minister for Social Security.</i>	P.53/2006.
Draft Health and Safety (Work Experience) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 11th May 2006. <i>Minister for Social Security.</i>	P.54/2006.
Strategy Plan: approval by the States. Lodged: 11th May 2006. <i>Senator B.E. Shenton.</i>	P.55/2006.
Tevielka, La Rue de la Haye du Puits, Grouville: deed of arrangement. Lodged: 12th May 2006. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.56/2006.

E. WITHDRAWAL OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

In accordance with Standing Order 34(1), the Minister for Home Affairs has informed the Greffier of the States that the following proposition lodged "au Greffe" is to be withdrawn –

Draft Sexual Offences (Jersey) Law 200-. Lodged: 13th September 2005. <i>Minister for Home Affairs, (formerly the Home Affairs Committee). (debate suspended on 18.01.06 and remained such on 31.01.06 as item referred to Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel under Standing Order 79(i)).</i>	P.196/2005.
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F. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS

G. MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE

H. PETITIONS

I. QUESTIONS

(a) – Written Questions (attached)

The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to a question asked by the Connétable of St. Helier regarding the funding of top-up fees.

The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by the Connétable of St. Helier regarding health matters related to composting operations.

The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to questions asked by the Connétable of St. Helier regarding early childhood education and care, and the provision of a nursery unit at the new St. Peter's School.

The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding matters contained in the Zero/Ten Design Proposals (R.37/2005).

The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding agreements concerning the Island's taxation commitments.

The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour regarding provisions for parents who have deaf children in their care.

The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour regarding authoritative bodies used to determine whether Jersey's business and corporate tax proposals meet international and EU requirements.

The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour regarding the level of expenditure required to complete implementation of the Job Families agreement.

The Minister for Housing will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour regarding controls on speculative purchasing.

The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to a question asked by the Connétable of St. Helier regarding the monitoring of composting operations.

(b) – Oral Questions

Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“What evaluation of risk for emergency planning purposes, if any, has taken place following the experiences learned from the recent Buncefield incident, in particular relating to the siting of a number of industrial processes at La Collette in close proximity to the existing fuel storage facilities?”

Senator L. Norman will ask the following question of the Minister for Planning and Environment –

“*Sites of Special Interest and Buildings of Local Interest: financial implications*, (P.166/2004), which was adopted by the States in January 2005, requested the former Planning and Environment Committee, in consultation with the former Finance and Economics Committee, to research and report to the States within 6 months on the additional financial burden placed upon the owners of SSIs and BLIs. Will the Minister

state when that report will be published?”

Deputy S.S.P.A. Power of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development –

“Would the Minister inform members how the total number of passengers arriving by sea from the United Kingdom and from France during the last 3 months compares to the same period in 2005, and would he inform members what steps, if any, he is taking to stop the decline in Jersey’s sea routes?”

Senator B.E. Shenton will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

“Would the Minister confirm whether a post-project review has been undertaken on Phase I of the Hautlieu School rebuilding project and is the Minister satisfied with the management of this capital project to-date?”

The Connétable of Grouville will ask the following question of the Minister for Planning and Environment –

“What steps, if any, is the Minister taking to investigate the benefits of tidal energy and has any contact been made with the Alderney group who are already investigating this matter?”

Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

“In the light of recent initiatives such as offering free bus travel to dogs, would the Minister confirm whether these initiatives fall within an approved Transport Strategy?”

Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chief Minister -

“When will bullet point 4 of paragraph 5.4 of the document *Migration: Monitoring and Regulation*, (P.25/2005), regarding the creation of a categorised register for the Island population and the provision of individual unique evidence of registration for the purpose of accessing public services, employment opportunities and accommodation, be implemented and have there been any changes in this respect such as persons who may be exempted from registration?”

Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

“What programmes, if any, are in place for the on-Island training of primary and secondary teachers and, if there are none, what, if any, are proposed?”

Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

“Given the recent lessons of the Buncefield Oil Fires has a review been undertaken with the emergency services on the practice of composting in close proximity to the fuel storage containers and facilities at La Collette?”

Senator B.E. Shenton will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –

“Would the Minister inform members whether the current fiscal strategy, and the “20 means

20” proposals in particular, are consistent with the requirement for a prudent government to encourage the working population to save a proportion of their income in order that they build up a personal strategic reserve and also fund their retirement?”

Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –

“Would the Minister inform members whether the new 0/10 proposals reverse the successful taxation policies of the past forty years by transferring the responsibility for paying for local services solely to residents?”

Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –

“Would the Minister inform members why the Jersey Financial Services Commission will no longer need to know the beneficial owners of the proposed Foreign Incorporated Investment Companies under the new 0/10 proposals?”

Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

“Would the Minister advise whether the Department has a maintenance schedule for standby and emergency plant and, if so, whether he intends reviewing any such schedule?”

The Deputy of St. Martin will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“On 19th January 2005, the States adopted *Share Transfer Property: Stamp Duty*, (P.211/2004), charging the former Finance and Economics Committee to prepare the necessary legislation for consideration by the Assembly in 2005, to give effect to the proposal. As the Treasury and Resources Minister has not brought forward the legislation to date, what action, if any, has the Chief Minister taken to address the situation?”

Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement will ask the following question of the Minister for Planning and Environment –

“Would the Minister confirm whether Article 15(a) of the Island Planning Law 1964, are sufficient to enable him to order structures such as derelict glasshouses to be demolished and, if so, will he use those powers in respect of site H4 (15), Samares Nursery, on the grounds of health and safety?”

Deputy S.S.P.A. Power of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

“In view of the importance of the Esplanade car park to commuters coming in from the western parishes, and its role in reducing traffic congestion in the central town area due to its location, would the Minister confirm that sufficient car parking to replace the spaces in the car park will be identified before any re-development of the site starts?”

The Deputy of St. Martin will ask the following question of the Minister for Home Affairs –

“On 31st January 2006, the States adopted *Speeding Fines: allocation of funds to Parishes*, (P.156/2005), as amended, charging the Minister for Home Affairs to bring forward for approval the necessary amendments to the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956, to give effect to the proposal. Will the Minister advise whether law drafting instructions have been submitted to the Law Draftsman and, if so, when, and when the amendments will be

lodged?"

(c) – Questions to Ministers without notice (30 minutes) -

1st question period – Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.

2nd question period – Chief Minister.

J. PERSONAL STATEMENTS

K. STATEMENTS ON A MATTER OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY

L. PUBLIC BUSINESS

Draft Taxation (United States of America) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. P.264/2005.
Lodged: 8th November 2005.

Chief Minister (formerly the Policy and Resources Committee).

Draft Employment Relations (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 200-. P.5/2006.
Lodged: 30th January 2006.

Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.

Draft Employment Relations (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 200- (P.5/2006): P.5/2006.
comments. Com.

Presented: 8th February 2006.

Minister for Social Security.

Draft Employment (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 200-. P.270/2005.
Lodged: 15th November 2005.

Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.

Draft Employment (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 200- (P.270/2005): P.270/2005. Com.
comments.

Presented: 17th January 2006.

Minister for Social Security.

Bailiff's Consultative Panel. P.20/2006.
Lodged: 28th February 2006.

Privileges and Procedures Committee.

Bailiff's Consultative Panel (P.20/2006): amendment. P.20/2006. Amd.
Lodged: 3rd March 2006.

Connétable of St. Helier.

Bailiff's Consultative Panel (P.20/2006): amendment (P.20/2006 Amd.)– P.20/2006.
comments. Amd.Com.

Presented: 10th March 2006.

Privileges and Procedures Committee.

Bellozanne Waste Treatment Works: petition. P.34/2006.
Lodged: 28th March 2006.

Deputy J.B. Fox of St. Helier.

Draft Social Security (Television Licence Benefit) (Jersey) Regulations P.37/2006.
200-.

Lodged: 4th April 2006.

Minister for Social Security.

Draft Social Security (Television Licence Benefit) (Jersey) Law 200-. Lodged: 4th April 2006. <i>Minister for Social Security.</i>	P.36/2006.
Charing Cross: vacant site – petition. Lodged: 4th April 2006. <i>Connétable of St. Helier.</i>	P.38/2006.
Charing Cross: vacant site – petition (P.38/2006) – comments. Presented: 11th May 2006. <i>Assistant Minister for Planning and Environment.</i>	P.38/2006. Com.
Charing Cross: vacant site – petition (P.38/2006) – comments. Presented: 12th May 2006. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.38/2006. Com. (2)
Charing Cross: vacant site – petition (P.38/2006) – comments. Presented: 12th May 2006. <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.38/2006. Com. (3)
Draft Restriction on Smoking (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 200. Lodged: 4th April 2006. <i>Minister for Health and Social Services.</i>	P.39/2006.
Draft Restriction on Smoking (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 200 (P.39/2006): comments. Presented: 25th April 2006. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.39/2006. Com.
Draft Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002 (Appointed Day) Act 200-. Lodged: 13th April 2006. <i>Minister for Planning and Environment.</i>	P.46/2006.
Jersey Community Relations Trust: replacement of Chairman. Lodged: 18th April 2006. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	P.47/2006.

M. ARRANGEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

23rd May 2006

Employment legislation: petition. Lodged: 4th October 2005. <i>Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.</i>	P.214/2005.
Employment legislation: petition (P.214/2005) – comments. Presented: 11th January 2006. <i>Minister for Social Security.</i>	P.214/2005. Com.
Employment legislation: petition (P.214/2005) – comments – addendum. Presented: 21st March 2006. <i>Minister for Social Security.</i>	P.214/2005. Com.Add. (<i>re-issue</i>)

Composting facilities. Lodged: 1st November 2005. <i>Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier.</i>	P.258/2005.
Composting facilities (P.258/2005): comments. Presented: 19th December 2005. <i>Comité des Connétables.</i>	P.258/2005. Com.
Composting facilities (P.258/2005): comments. Presented: 9th March 2006. <i>Minister for Health and Social Services.</i>	P.258/2005. Com. (2)
Composting facilities (P.258/2005): comments. Presented: 9th March 2006. <i>Minister for Transport and Technical Services.</i>	P.258/2005. Com. (3)
Draft Postal Services (Transfer) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 31st January 2006. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i> <i>Continuation of 2nd reading.</i> <i>(Principles adopted on 28th March 2006 before referral to Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel in accordance with Standing Order 72(1)).</i>	P.9/2006.
Draft Postal Services (Transfer) (Jersey) Regulations 200- (P.9/2006): amendment. Lodged: 28th February 2006. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.9/2006. Amd.
Draft Postal Services (Transfer) (Jersey) Regulations 200- (P.9/2006): second amendment. Lodged: 14th March 2006. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.9/2006. Amd. (2)
Draft Postal Services (Transfer) (Jersey) Regulations 200- (P.9/2006): third amendments. Lodged: 25th April 2006. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.9/2006. Amd. (3)
Exclusivity of postal services within Jersey: termination of Agreement between the States of Jersey and the United Kingdom. Lodged: 11th April 2006. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.42/2006.
Draft Postal Services (Jersey) Law 2004 (Appointed Day) (No. 2) Act 200. Lodged: 11th April 2006. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.43/2006.
Channel Islands Lottery: allocation of profits for 2005/2006. Lodged: 11th April 2006. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.41/2006.

Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie Executive Committee: membership. Lodged: 3rd May 2006. <i>Connétable of St. Ouen.</i>	P.50/2006.
Administrative Appeals Panel: membership. Lodged 8th May 2006. <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee.</i>	P.51/2006.
<u>6th June 2006</u>	
Strategic Plan 2006 to 2011. Lodged: 10th April 2006. <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.40/2006.
Senators and Deputies: terms of office. Lodged: 14th December 2004. <i>Deputy A. Breckon of St. Saviour.</i> <i>(debate commenced and States adopted move to next item of public business on 1st February 2005).</i>	P.227/2004.
Senators and Deputies: terms of office (P.227/2004) – comments. Presented: 18th January 2005. <i>Presented by the Minister for Treasury and Resources (formerly the Finance and Economics Committee).</i>	P.227/2004. Com.
Milk Subsidy for Delivery to Special Classes. Lodged: 5th July 2005. <i>Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier, and referred to the Ministers for Economic Development and Social Security (formerly the Economic Development and the Employment and Social Security Committees).</i>	P.145/2005.
Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200-. Lodged: 27th September 2005. <i>Minister for Planning and Environment (formerly the Environment and Public Services Committee).</i>	P.206/2005.
Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200- (P.206/2005): comments. Presented: 1st November 2005. <i>Minister for Economic Development (formerly the Economic Development Committee).</i>	P.206/2005. Com.
Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200- (P.206/2005): amendment. Lodged: 25th October 2005. <i>Deputy R.C. Duhamel of St. Saviour.</i>	P.206/2005. Amd.
Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200- (P.206/2005): amendments (P.206/2005 Amd.)– comments. Presented: 22nd November 2005. <i>Minister for Planning and Environment (formerly the Environment and Public Services Committee).</i>	P.206/2005. Amd.Com.
Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200- (P.206/2005): second amendments. Lodged: 1st November 2005. <i>Deputy P.N. Troy of St. Brelade.</i>	P.206/2005. Amd. (2)

Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200- (P.206/2005): second P.206/2005. Amd.
amendments (P.206/2005 Amd.(2))– comments. (2) Com.
Presented: 29th November 2005.

*Minister for Planning and Environment (formerly the Environment and
Public Services Committee).*

Island Plan 2002, Policy H2: Fields 848, 851, 853, and 854. P.48/2006.
Lodged: 20th April 2006.
Connétable of St. Lawrence.

Island Plan 2002, Policy H2: Fields 848, 851, 853, and 854 (P.48/2006) – P.48/2006. Com.
comments.
Presented: 8th May 2006.
Minister for Planning and Environment.

Island Plan 2002, Policy H2: Fields 848, 851, 853, and 854 (P.48/2006) – P.48/2006.
comments – addendum. Com.Add.
Presented: 12th May 2006.
Minister for Planning and Environment.

Strategy Plan: approval by the States. P.55/2006.
Lodged: 11th May 2006.
Senator B.E. Shenton.

20th June 2006

Solid Waste Strategy: locations for proposed facilities. P.45/2006.
Lodged: 11th April 2006.
Minister for Transport and Technical Services.

Draft Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals (Jersey) Regulations P.49/2006.
200-.
Lodged: 2nd May 2006.
Minister for Planning and Environment.

4th July 2006

Draft Customs and Excise (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 200. P.52/2006.
Lodged: 11th May 2006.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Draft Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) (Amendment No. 3) P.53/2006.
(Jersey) Law 200-.
Lodged: 11th May 2006.
Minister for Social Security.

Draft Health and Safety (Work Experience) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. P.54/2006.
Lodged: 11th May 2006.
Minister for Social Security.

Tevielka, La Rue de la Haye du Puits, Grouville: deed of arrangement. P.56/2006.
Lodged: 12th May 2006.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

18th July 2006

12th September 2006

26th September 2006

10th October 2006

M.N. DE LA HAYE
Greffier of the States

11th May 2006

Note –

In accordance with a decision of the States on 25th October 2005, this meeting will continue, if necessary, on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th May 2006.

Members are asked to note that if the proposition on the Bailiff's Consultative Panel (P.20/2006) is adopted the States will be asked to proceed immediately to the ballot to select the members of the Panel appointed in this way (the number of members to be chosen by ballot will depend on whether or not the amendment of the Connétable of St. Helier is adopted). Nominations for these positions will be invited from members and, if more members are nominated than there are positions to fill, a ballot will be held. Each nomination will require a proposer and a seconder.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

(See Item I(a))

The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to the following question asked by the Connétable of St. Helier –

“Would the Minister inform members how it has been possible for £250,000 extra funding to be found from within the Department’s existing revenue budget to cover the cost of top-up fees for the first term of the next academic year?”

The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by the Connétable of St. Helier –

“(a) In his written answers on 25th April 2006 on the subject of the relocation of composting from Crabbé in St Mary to La Collette in St Helier in 2002, the Minister stated that *“There are few remaining records of complaints to the Health and Social Services Department relating to issues at Crabbé”*. Would the Minister inform members whether this is because records have been lost or destroyed?

(b) Would the Minister indicate the exact dates, and the nature, of the six complaints that relate to composting at Crabbé referred to in his written answers and inform members what action was taken in relation to them?

(c) Did the Environmental Health Department engage in any consultation with the Parish of St Mary in relation to the odour and health impacts of the composting operation while it was situated at Crabbé?

(d) In his written answers the Minister stated that the Health Protection team stipulated to the Planning and Environment Committee that there should be a health impact assessment carried out in relation to the move of the composting facilities to La Collette in which *“health effects are thoroughly investigated.”* Would the Minister explain why no such assessment was carried out during the three and a half years of the operation of the site in St Helier, in spite of the fact that complaints including reports of breathing difficulties were being received?

(e) As no Health Impact Assessment was carried out over a period of three and a half years, would the Minister explain on what basis he stated, during the debate on Composting facilities at La Collette II: approval by States Assembly (P.31/2006) on 4th April 2006, that *“as long as the operation is adhering to best practice and all reasonable practical steps have been taken to minimise any smell or nuisance then it will comply with the standards required by the [Statutory Nuisances] Law”*.

(f) Has the Environmental Health Department engaged in any consultation with the Parish of St Helier in relation to the odour and health impacts of the composting operation while it has been situated at La Collette?

(g) In his written answers the Minister stated that, of 21 recorded complaints, *“there have been two occasions when odour from the compost site have (sic) been confirmed and four occasions when the source has been confirmed as seaweed.”* Would the Minister inform members of the outcome of the other complaints?

(h) Why did the Minister not insist that the potential environmental health problems created by the composting site at La Collette were thoroughly investigated in a timely fashion in view of the “precautionary principle” in best environmental practice?

(i) The Minister further stated in his answers that his *“own Health Protection staff are currently engaged in setting up a Health Impact Assessment for the proposed composting regime and this will include key stakeholders and residents themselves”*. In light of his statement on 4th April 2006 during the debate on Composting Facilities at La Collette II: approval by States Assembly (P.31/2006) that *“The fact is La*

Collette, for good or ill, is there now and it is our major industrial site, and that is where industrial operations should go” would he confirm that the Health Impact Assessment will be an impartial or objective study without any presumption that La Collette is the only possible location for the composting facilities?”

The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to the following questions asked by the Connétable of St. Helier –

“Would the Minister inform members –

- (a) whether officers and members of the former Education, Sport and Culture Committee attended the meetings organised by the Parents Action Group in the Town Hall on 13th July and 22nd September 2004, at which concerns were raised about the States’ policy on early years child care and, if so, how many members and officers, and which members?
- (b) whether the Minister of Education, Sport and Culture, or the former Education, Sport and Culture Committee, received representations by letter or email from members of the Parents Action Group or Jersey Early Years Association about the States’ policy in early years child care, and/or suggestions as to how more equitable provision might be achieved and, if so, when were these received?
- (c) of the exact date when the decision was taken to build a nursery unit as part of the rebuilding of St. Peter’s Primary School?”

The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

“Following the publication of the Zero/Ten Design Proposal (R.37/2006) on 5th May 2006, would the Minister –

- (a) inform members whether the new proposals mean that the previous proposals on look-through have been abandoned?
- (b) give members a breakdown of the revenues that are now expected to be gathered from each of the taxes or charges contained in the new zero/ten design proposal and, in particular, state how much will be generated from the Regulation of Undertakings and Development (RUDL) charge and whether the new proposals to replace look-through will produce the same amounts as the previous proposals?
- (c) state whether the proposed RUDL charge is, in effect, a tax on jobs and what impact, if any, it is anticipated to have on job creation and economic growth in the non-finance sector?
- (d) reassure members that, as the proposals have been designed by finance experts, they have not been designed solely to suit the finance sector?
- (e) indicate whether the mechanisms for Foreign Incorporated Investment Companies will meet the requirements of the EU code on Business Taxation?”

The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

“(a) Following recent public statements, would the Chief Minister clarify for members what has and has not been agreed concerning the island’s taxation commitments, and by whom, by publishing the e-mails that he has referred to publicly as evidence of such agreement and, if not, will he inform members whether the agreement covers -

- (i) only the Island’s stated intention to eliminate non-compliant business taxation; or
- (ii) the replacement of such taxes with the zero/ten mechanism; or
- (iii) the principles of “look-through” relating to zero/ten?

(b) Would the Chief Minister inform members whether this agreement has been reached with -

- (i) the Paymaster General, representing the UK government;
- (ii) the Paymaster General, as chair of the EU Code of Conduct group;
- (iii) the International Director of Tax at HM Treasury;
- (iv) the EU Code of Conduct group;
- (v) ECOFIN?

(c) Would the Chief Minister state whether the items listed in (a) above have been presented to, or discussed with, any of the authorities listed in (b) above?

(d) Have the detailed proposals contained in the Zero/Ten Design Proposal (R.37/2006) published by the Minister for Treasury and Resources on 5th May 2006 been presented to, or discussed with, any of the authorities listed above yet and, if not, will they be presented for approval and, if so, by whom?”

The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour –

“What improvements, in terms of financial support, if any, is the Minister contemplating for parents who have deaf children in their care?”

The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour –

“Would the Minister name the authoritative bodies who will determine whether Jersey’s business and corporate tax proposals meet international and EU requirements?”

The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour –

“Would the Minister identify the estimated sums of expenditure which will be needed to complete implementation of the Job Families agreement?”

The Minister for Housing will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St.

Saviour –

“What controls, if any, are in place, or contemplated by the Minister, to prevent the purchase of apartments for speculative purposes and does the Minister have data on the prevalence of such purchases?”

The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to the following question asked by the Connétable of St. Helier –

“(a) In written answers tabled on 25th April 2006, in relation to the effects of fungal spores produced by open windrow composting the Minister for Health and Social Services stated that monitoring had been undertaken by the former Public Services Department around both the Crabbé and La Collette composting sites. Would the Minister inform members of the number of occasions during the three and a half years’ operation of the composting site at La Collette when such monitoring was carried out, and supply the dates when this took place?”

(b) The written answer further stated that “*The results were found to be in line with those investigations into open windrow composting undertaken on behalf of the UK Government by the Environment Agency, whereby levels of these materials can be found in decreasing levels from the site with background levels being reached within a distance of 250 metres from the site*”. Would the Minister give members precise details of the above results?”

(c) Is the Minister satisfied that all of the research carried out by the Environment Agency on behalf of the UK Government is robust enough to be applied to Jersey, and has he requested his officers to have such advice peer reviewed?”

(d) In the written answers it is further stated that air monitoring ‘*in the case of Crabbé*’ involved comparison with a control site. Would he indicate whether a control site has been used in respect of the air quality monitoring carried out in respect of La Collette and if not, why not?”

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