

STATES OF JERSEY ORDER PAPER

Tuesday 11th March 2008

A. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

B. TABLING OF SUBORDINATE ENACTMENTS

(Explanatory note attached)

Road Racing (Hill Climbs and Sprint) (Jersey) Order 2008. R&O.35/2008.
Minister for Transport and Technical Services.

Sand Racing (Jersey) Order 2008. R&O.36/2008.
Minister for Transport and Technical Services.

C. DOCUMENTS PRESENTED OR LAID

Draft Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 200- (P.17/2008): P.17/2008.
comments. Com.
Presented: 7th March 2008.
Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel.

Draft Civil Aviation (Jersey) Law 200- (P.18/2008): comments. P.18/2008. Com.
Presented: 6th March 2008.
Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel.

Rear seat-belts and child booster seats (P.27/2008): comments. P.27/2008. Com.
Presented: 5th March 2008.
Minister for Transport and Technical Services.

States Rental Waiting List. R.17/2008.
Presented: 3rd March 2008.
Minister for Housing.

The Jersey Advisory and Conciliation Service: Annual Report 2007. R.18/2008.
Presented: 5th March 2008.
Minister for Social Security.

Policing of Events: User Pays? S.R.4/2008.
Presented: 11th March 2008.
Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel.

D. NOTIFICATION OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

Draft Sea Fisheries (Inshore Trawling, Netting and Dredging) (Amendment) P.36/2008.
(Jersey) Regulations 200-.
Lodged: 6th March 2008.
Minister for Economic Development.

E. WITHDRAWAL OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

F. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS

G. MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE

H. PETITIONS

I. QUESTIONS

(a) – Written Questions

(attached)

1. The Minister for Planning and Environment will table an answer to a question asked by the Connétable of St. John regarding the number of sites identified in the 2002 Island Plan which remain unused.
2. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to a question asked by the Connétable of St. Helier regarding delays in establishing a residents' parking scheme at Cheapside.
3. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier regarding the sale of compost.
4. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement regarding the ability of hospital consultants to prescribe medication under the health insurance scheme.
5. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement regarding the employment of Public Relations Advisers.
6. The Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour regarding the objectives of the 'What is Scrutiny' conference.
7. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour regarding a policy for dealing with concerns raised by 'whistleblowers'.
8. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour regarding the establishment of a complaints process in tandem with Guernsey.
9. The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Clement regarding appeals against the current Nursery Education Placement Policy.
10. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy C.J. Scott Warren of St. Saviour regarding the progress of a scheme to create a pedestrian crossing at Longueville Road.
11. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy C.J. Scott Warren of St. Saviour regarding the funding of a scheme to create a pedestrian crossing at Longueville Road.

12. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding anonymous asset holdings.
13. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the impact of RPI(Y).
14. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the impact of growth in the finance sector.
15. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the disproportionate growth of Social Security supplementation.
16. The Minister for Housing will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the demand for 3-bed social rental homes.
17. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the treatment of public sector employees under the Employment Relations Law.
18. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the funding of the Millennium Town Park.
19. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding growth in the finance sector.

(b) – Oral Questions

(90 minutes)

1. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Housing -

“Will the Minister explain to members what action he intends to take, if any, and in what timescale, over the purchase, for buy-to-let purposes through share transfer, of Jersey residential properties by non-qualified persons or companies whether resident in Jersey or elsewhere and will he inform members what the likely effect of these actions will be on the housing market?”
2. Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services -

“What conclusions, if any, has the Minister reached in relation to the workings of political and administrative accountability with regard to the allegations made about Child Care in the Island?”
3. The Deputy of St. Martin will ask the following question of the Minister for Home Affairs -

“Will the Minister advise Members whether the internal inquiry by the Head of the Customs and Immigration Service into the activities of a number of Customs Officers has been completed (following police investigations from which no criminal proceedings were instituted) and, if so, will she advise of the outcome and whether the Report will be made available to States Members?”
4. Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee -

“Given the Committee's announced intention not to proceed with a Freedom of Information

Law would the Chairman identify the alternatives which will be put forward?"

5. Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Housing -

"Given that R.17 concerning the States rental waiting list contains a statement that the greatest demand by far remains for ground-floor or lift-server one-bedroom units, will the Minister justify why he is prepared to lose Ann Court, which meets all the criteria for life long homes or sheltered housing, due to its location close to all amenities, and could be refurbished?"

6. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security -

"In the light of changes to benefits scheduled to take place in October 2008, will the Minister inform members what credence recipients of Disability Transport Allowance (DTA) can give to the statement "this allowance has been awarded for life" contained in a letter (DTA55) from his department that many may have received?"

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

"After over two years of concerns expressed by the Connétable of St Helier, residents and users of Garden Lane and myself, what action, if any, is the Minister taking to address the potential danger and fear of injury that is being incurred by users of Garden Lane from traffic turning from Val Plaisant into Devonshire Place at Reid's the Chemists?"

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

"Would the Chief Minister advise members of the financial and manpower commitments of the Communications Unit from its inception to date?"

9. Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture -

"Would the Minister advise whether the consultation on the possibility of Jersey having a 'National Gallery' is being co-ordinated by the Steering Group and not the Education, Sport and Culture Department and if so, why?"

10. The Connétable of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Planning and Environment -

"Whilst the Minister is to be commended on having taken steps to reduce the Island's use of plastic carrier bags, would he explain what additional measures, if any, he is taking to reduce the amount of packaging we import?"

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

"Will the Minister advise whether the Parish Hall sanctions for various breaches of the law which the public receive during the course of a year are considered to be convictions and subject to the requirements of the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Jersey) Law 2001?"

12. 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 of the cost of the recent road re-surfacing at Brig y Don, whether it was completed to any known standard (eg BS) and whether he is satisfied with the result?"

13. Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture -

“Is the Minister considering closing any Parish primary schools in the next few years due to reduced pupil numbers and, if so, is he able to indicate which schools are most at risk?”

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

1st question period – Minister for Economic Development

2nd question period – Minister for Planning and Environment

J. PERSONAL STATEMENTS

K. STATEMENTS ON A MATTER OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY

L. PUBLIC BUSINESS

Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee. P.198/2007.
Lodged: 28th December 2007.
Chairmen’s Committee.

Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee P.198/2007.
(P.198/2007): comments. Com.
Presented: 4th February 2008.
H.M. Attorney General.

Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee P.198/2007.
(P.198/2007): amendment. Amd.
Lodged: 12th February 2008.
Council of Ministers.

Draft Taxation (Land Transactions) (Jersey) Law 200-. P.185/2007.
Lodged: 4th December 2007.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Draft Taxation (Land Transactions) (Jersey) Law 200- (P.185/2007): P.185/2007.
amendments. Amd.
Lodged: 26th February 2008.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Draft Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 200-. P.17/2008.
Lodged: 29th January 2008.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Draft Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 200- (P.17/2008): P.17/2008.
comments. Com.
Presented: 7th March 2008.
Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel.

Draft Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 200- (P.17/2008): P.17/2008.

amendments. Lodged: 26th February 2008. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	Amd.
Draft Goods and Services Tax (International Services Entities) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 15th January 2008. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.10/2008.
Draft Goods and Services Tax (International Service Entities) (Jersey) Regulations 200- (P.10/2008): amendments. Lodged: 26th February 2008. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.10/2008. Amd.
Draft Public Elections (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 2008 (Appointed Day) Act 200-. Lodged: 25th January 2008. <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee.</i>	P.12/2008.
Draft Public Elections (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 25th January 2008. <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee.</i>	P.13/2008.
Draft Price Indicators (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 28th January 2008. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.14/2008. (re-issue)
Draft Price Indicators (Jersey) Regulations 200- (P.14/2008): amendments. Lodged: 6th February 2008. <i>Senator L. Norman.</i>	P.14/2008. Amd.
Draft Price Indicators (Jersey) Regulations 200- (P.14/2008): second amendments. Lodged: 26th February 2008. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.14/2008. Amd.(2)
Draft Harbours (Amendment No. 41) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 29th January 2008. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.15/2008.
Draft Boats and Surf-Riding (Control) (Amendment No. 27) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 29th January 2008. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.16/2008.
Draft Civil Aviation (Jersey) Law 200-. Lodged: 29th January 2008. <i>Minister for Home Affairs.</i>	P.18/2008.
Draft Civil Aviation (Jersey) Law 200- (P.18/2008): comments. Presented: 6th March 2008. <i>Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel.</i>	P.18/2008. Com.
Rear seat-belts and child booster seats. Lodged: 12th February 2008.	P.27/2008.

Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier.

Rear seat-belts and child booster seats (P.27/2008): comments. P.27/2008. Com.
Presented: 5th March 2008.
Minister for Transport and Technical Services.

Jersey Charities Commission: Feasibility Study. P.28/2008.
Lodged: 12th February 2008.
Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Clement.

Appointments Commission: re-appointment of member. P.30/2008.
Lodged: 19th February 2008.
Chief Minister.

M. ARRANGEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

1st April 2008

Jersey Enterprise Board Limited: proposed establishment. P.194/2007.
Lodged: 19th December 2007.
Council of Ministers.

Jersey Enterprise Board Limited: proposed establishment (P.194/2007) – P.194/2007.
amendment. Amd.
Lodged: 28th December 2007.
Deputy J.B. Fox of St. Helier.

Jersey Enterprise Board Limited: proposed establishment (P.194/2007) – third P.194/2007.
amendment. Amd.(3)
Lodged: 19th February 2008.
Public Accounts Committee.

Millennium Town Park: Funding from Strategic Reserve. P.1/2008.
Lodged: 3rd January 2008.
Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.

Millennium Town Park: Funding from Strategic Reserve (P.1/2008) – P.1/2008.
comments. Com.
Presented: 26th February 2008.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Draft Export Control (Jersey) Law 200-. P.21/2008.
Lodged: 5th February 2008.
Minister for Home Affairs.

Draft Employment of States of Jersey Employees (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) P.22/2008.
Regulations 200-.
Lodged: 5th February 2008.
Chief Minister.

Draft Act annulling the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment P.23/2008.
No. 9) (Jersey) Order 2007.
Lodged: 6th February 2008.
Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement.

Draft Political Parties (Registration) (Jersey) Law 200-. P.25/2008.

Lodged: 8th February 2008.
Privileges and Procedures Committee.

Draft Proceeds of Crime (Supervisory Bodies) (Jersey) Law 200-. P.29/2008.
Lodged: 18th February 2008.
Minister for Economic Development.

Draft Customs and Excise (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Law 200. P.31/2008.
Lodged: 19th February 2008.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Census of Island's population. P.32/2008.
Lodged: 26th February 2008.
Deputy of Grouville.

Rezoning of sites in the Green and Countryside Zones and Island Plan Review. P.33/2008.
Lodged: 26th February 2008.
Deputy of Grouville.

Committee of Inquiry into the operation of Third Party Planning Appeals. P.35/2008.
Lodged: 26th February 2008.
Deputy C.J. Scott Warren of St. Saviour.

29th April 2008

Draft Health Implementation (Jersey) Law 200-. P.34/2008.
Lodged: 26th February 2008.
Minister for Health and Social Services.

Draft Sea Fisheries (Inshore Trawling, Netting and Dredging) (Amendment) P.36/2008.
(Jersey) Regulations 200-.
Lodged: 6th March 2008.
Minister for Economic Development.

M.N. DE LA HAYE
Greffier of the States

6th March 2008

Note –

In accordance with the meeting dates fixed for 2008 by the Privileges and Procedures Committee, this meeting will continue, if necessary, on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th March 2008.

Explanatory Note regarding subordinate legislation tabled at this meeting.

(See Item B)

R&O.35/2008.

This Order specifies dates and times when Bouley Bay Hill and the Five Mile Road course may be closed to normal traffic, and used, by the Jersey Motor Cycle and Light Car Club for the purposes of motor races and practices.

The Order was made on 27th February 2008 and came into force on being made.

R&O.36/2008.

This Order specifies dates and times when parts of the beaches at Millbrook, West Park and St Ouen's Bay may be closed, and used, by the Jersey Motor Cycle and Light Car Club for the purposes of sand races and practices.

The Order was made on 27th February 2008 and came into force on being made.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

(See Item I(a))

1. The Minister for Planning and Environment will table an answer to the following question asked by the Connétable of St. John -

“Would the Minister inform members how many of the H2, H3, H4 sites identified in the 2002 Island Plan remain unused and the number of units they have the potential to yield if used?”

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

“Would the Minister state -

- (i) when the Parish of St Helier first supplied the Transport and Technical Services department with the final version of the feasibility study for the Cheapside Residents' Parking Zone (RPZ)?
- (ii) when he indicated his willingness to take forward a revised scheme, omitting the provision of parking spaces in Elizabeth Place?
- (iii) given that the Parish Assembly approved the projet to implement the Cheapside RPZ on 25th September 2007, would the Minister advise members whether any progress has been made to date, and if not, why?”

3. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier -

“(i) For 2006, would the Minister advise –

- (a) the amount of revenue generated from the sale of 1.6 million litres of "Genuine Jersey" soil improver from composting;
- (b) how these were funds disbursed?
- (c) how much profit or loss each litre of compost sold resulted in?
- (d) how these figures were derived?

(ii) In 2007 would the Minister advise –

- (a) how many litres of "Genuine Jersey" soil improver the department sold?
- (b) how much money was derived from these sales and to whom the money was disbursed?
- (c) how much profit or loss each litre of compost sold resulted in or attained?
- (d) what the total expenditure in 2007 for compost operations was, including machinery purchased?
- (e) how these figures were derived?

(iii) Is the department currently mixing sewage with compost?

(iv) What stage is the department currently at in identifying and providing a contained compost operation?

- (v) What were the States' contributions in 2006 and 2007 in terms of pensions for employees involved in the compost operations?"

4. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.CL. Baudains of St. Clement -

"Will the Minister -

- (i) explain the reasoning behind the 1993 change to the Health Insurance legislation, the effect of which was to prevent hospital consultants prescribing on health insurance prescriptions?
- (ii) inform members whether consultants employed prior to 1993 continue to be able to so prescribe?
- (iii) undertake to amend the present legislation to address this anomaly if it can be shown that it would be of benefit to consultants, patients and the hospital pharmacy if consultants were able to prescribe?"

5. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.CL. Baudains of St. Clement -

"Would the Chief Minister inform members whether his Department still employs the services of public relations advisers whose remit is to ensure that correct messages are relayed and, if so, can he further state whether these advisers were used during his recent interviews by the national media?"

6. The Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour -

"Would the Chairman identify the objectives which were achieved at the "What is Scrutiny?" seminar and those that remain to be achieved?"

7. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour -

"Would the Chief Minister state the date by which he intends to bring proposals to the States to put in place an independent person or agency to receive approaches from persons raising serious concerns ("whistleblowers")? Will the development of the proposal be undertaken by person(s) independent of the Chief Minister's Department?"

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

"What degree of lay involvement, if any, will there be in the complaints process which is being established in concert with Guernsey?"

9. The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Clement -

- “(i) Can the Minister confirm the number of appeals made, both in writing and in person, against the current Nursery Education Placement Policy each year over the last three years, and can he state the grounds on which these appeals were made?
- (ii) Of the appeals made, how many have resulted in a child subsequently being found a place after initially have been unplaced and on what grounds were the appeals upheld?”

10. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy C.J. Scott Warren of St. Saviour -

“At a meeting on 2nd December 2002 the former Public Services Committee approved a scheme for a Longueville Road crossing, with £20,000 being allocated for this project from the £100,000 funding made available from the Car Park Trading Account for sustainable transport initiatives, to accelerate the Committee's programme of pedestrian improvements.

Would the Minister provide members with full information regarding the following:-

- (i) Why, in view of the subsequent work carried out which included financial negotiations with a third party in order to secure some additional land for road widening prior to the construction of the proposed island refuge at Miladi Parade, Longueville Road, and having gained approval for funds from Treasury and Resources and submitted a planning application in 2006, the negotiations were not concluded and the construction work on the island refuge did not proceed?
- (ii) Whether the formerly identified funds from the Car Park Trading Account are currently available for this project, and, if not, can the Minister give members the reason why and the current whereabouts of these funds?
- (iii) Whether the Minister still supports the implementation of an island refuge at this location?”

11. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy C.J. Scott Warren of St. Saviour -

“At a meeting on 2nd December 2002 the former Public Services Committee approved a scheme for a Longueville Road crossing, with £20,000 being allocated for this project from the £100,000 funding made available from the Car Park Trading Account for sustainable transport initiatives, to accelerate the Committee's programme of pedestrian improvements.

Would the Minister provide members with full information regarding the following:-

- (i) Why, in view of the subsequent work carried out by the Transport and Technical Services Department, which included financial negotiations with a third party in order to secure some additional land for road widening prior to the construction of the proposed island refuge at Miladi Parade, Longueville Road, and having gained approval for funds from Treasury and Resources and submitted a planning application in 2006, the negotiations were not concluded to enable the construction work on the island refuge to proceed?
- (ii) Whether the formerly identified funds from Treasury and Resources are currently available for this project, and if not, can the Minister give members the reason why and the current whereabouts of these funds?”

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

- “(i) Will the Minister inform members of any differences between Liechtenstein and Jersey, which justify his confidence in the face of increased pressure from Germany over offshore tax, in terms of -
- (a) overall approach
 - (b) withholding tax
 - (c) regulation of trusts
 - (d) registration of trusts?
- (ii) In particular, in his answer, will he illustrate the capability of our own trust entities to hold assets anonymously and to withhold the names of beneficiaries or trustees?
- (iii) Will he further state whether this position will be altered by measures proposed in the new law on foundations due to be put out to consultation soon?”

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

- “(i) Following his reply to a written question on 26th February 2008 (3737) that “RPI(Y) should be the basis for pay awards in 2009 and thereafter” will the minister inform members what his estimates are for RPI, RPI (X) and RPI (Y) for the first quarter 2009, on which public sector pay awards will be negotiated?
- (ii) Will he further illustrate what the impact would be on weekly take-home pay of awards negotiated at the estimated RPI(Y) rate above for the ten groups used by the Statistics department to discuss average earnings by sector in the Jersey Economic Digest 2007 (p.24) and compare it with the full impact of RPI on the cost of living in each of the quintiles given in the Jersey Household Expenditure Survey 2004/5 updated to June 2007?”

14. The Chief Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier -

“Does the Chief Minister consider that the option of growing the proportion of workers in the finance sector by a further 5% to occupy 30% of the overall island workforce, as considered in the Oxera contribution to Imagine Jersey 2035, is a viable and realistic one given that Oxera suggests that for every additional high-skill immigrant worker there will also be a requirement for a low-skilled service worker?”

15. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier -

“Further to his previous answers on the disproportionate growth of Social Security supplementation, will the Minister inform members of the latest estimates for supplementation, and the results of the promised investigation into the causes of the unexpected growth, and if not, will he tell members when he will be in a position to report to them on this issue?”

16. The Minister for Housing will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier -

- “(i) In response to a question on 26th February 2008 regarding demand for 3-bed social rental homes, the Minister stated that “the demand can be met” by a total of 29 homes on 2 sites. Will he now explain to members how 29 homes can be deemed sufficient to meet the needs of 91 families in need of 3-bed accommodation detailed in R.17/2008, ‘States Rental Waiting List’, issued on 3rd March 2008?
- (ii) Will he also explain to members why the 2007 figure given in Table 21 ‘Projections of States rental waiting list to 2009’ contained in R.94, ‘Planning for Homes 2006 - A Review of Current Information on Residential Land Availability’, has more than doubled to 139 from 53 given in the equivalent Planning for Homes document of 2005?”

17. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier -

- “(i) Following his response to a question [\[h1\]](#) on 26th February 2008 concerning codes of practice associated with the Employment Relations Law, does the Minister accept that comparison between States employees and employees in the UK is more properly made with Local Authorities with a similar sized workforce, where none has drawn a distinction (as the States have) between the employees of different departments of the same Authority?
- (ii) Will the Minister seek legal advice as to whether the treatment applied by the States to its employees could be deemed a disproportionate restriction on the right of States employees to take industrial action?
- (iii) Notwithstanding his partial response to that part of the question asked on 26th February dealing with articles 31 to 35 of code 2, will the Minister state clearly:
 - (a) which persons or body is responsible for enforcing articles 31 to 35,
 - (b) which persons or body will decide to which services articles 31 to 35 should apply, and
 - (c) what actions will he take, and in what timescale, to ensure that articles 31 to 35 are put in place?”

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

“Notwithstanding his comments made to P.1/2008 (“Millennium Town Park: Funding from Strategic Reserve”), what steps will the Minister take to assure members that sufficient funding will be found through the “clear process for States approval of capital expenditure” to ensure that the Millennium Town Park is delivered in the timescale promised recently by the Chief Minister, and in particular where will this funding come from?”

19. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier -

- “(i) Will the Minister inform members of the extent to which Jersey Finance’s plans for future growth of the finance sector are dependent on the securitisation market which has now contracted due to the sub-prime and Northern Rock crises?
- (ii) Will he further indicate to members what estimates he has for growth in the finance sector in 2008 and 2009 today, and how this compares with previous estimates?

(iii) Is the Minister confident that the economic case for the building of a new finance centre with over 500,000 sq. ft. of office space at the Waterfront is unaffected by these recent developments?

ORAL QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS WITHOUT NOTICE

(See Item I(c))

1st Session –

	First 15 minute period	Second 15 minute period
	Minister	Minister
1st April	Social Security	Chief Minister
29th April	Home Affairs	Housing
13th May	Treasury and Resources	Chief Minister
3rd June	Transport & Technical Services	Economic Development
17th June	Health and Social Services	Chief Minister
1st July	Planning and Environment	Education, Sport and Culture
15th July	Social Security	Chief Minister