

STATES OF JERSEY ORDER PAPER

Tuesday 20th January 2009
at 10.15 a.m.

A. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

B. TABLING OF SUBORDINATE ENACTMENTS

(Explanatory note attached)

Proceeds of Crime (Supervisory Bodies) (Transitional Provision) (Jersey) Order 2008. R&O.172/2008.
Minister for Economic Development.

Community Provisions (Restrictive Measures – Iran) (Jersey) Order 2009. R&O.1/2009.
Chief Minister.

C. DOCUMENTS PRESENTED OR LAID

Rates: the States' liability (P.147/2008) – comments. P.147/2008.
Presented: 16th January 2009. Com.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

States of Jersey Law 2005: delegation of functions – Treasury and Resources. R.133/2008.
Presented: 24th December 2008.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

States of Jersey Law 2005: delegation of functions – Housing. R.1/2009.
Presented: 12th January 2009.
Minister for Housing.

Land Transactions under Standing Order 168(3) – R.2/2009.
(a) Pleasant Street pavement improvement;
(b) N17 New North Quay, St. Helier– lease;
(c) Proposed sale of 27 Oak Tree Gardens, St. Helier;
(d) 24, 26, 28 Bath Street, St. Helier– lease;
(e) Greve de Lecq Café N°1 – proposed 25 year ground lease;
(f) A17A (Store), A17B (Store), A18 (Office), Albert Pier, St. Helier– leases.
Presented: 16th January 2009.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

D. NOTIFICATION OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police: review of procedure regarding suspension. P.182/2008.
Lodged: 18th December 2008.
Connétable of St. Helier.

Planning Applications Panel: appointment of members. P.183/2008.
Lodged: 19th December 2008.
Minister for Planning and Environment.

Ann Court Site, St. Helier: use for sheltered social housing for the over-55s. P.184/2008.
Lodged: 23rd December 2008. (re-issue)

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Jersey Overseas Aid Commission: appointment of non-States Commissioner. Lodged: 6th January 2009. <i>Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Clement.</i>	P.3/2009.
Jersey Financial Services Commission: appointment of Commissioners. Lodged: 6th January 2009. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.4/2009.
Rôle of the unelected members of the States: review. Lodged: 6th January 2009. <i>Deputy of St. Martin.</i>	P.5/2009.
Draft Summary Fines (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Jersey) Law 200-. Lodged: 13th January 2009. <i>Comité des Connétables.</i>	P.6/2009.

E. WITHDRAWAL OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

In accordance with Standing Order 34(1), the proposers of the following propositions lodged ‘au Greffe’ have informed the Greffier of the States that they are to be withdrawn –

Waterfront Enterprise Board Ltd: appointment of Director. Lodged: 1st October 2008. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	P.153/2008.
Traditional delivery of Christmas addresses. Lodged: 31st October 2008. <i>Senator S. Syvret.</i>	P.168/2008.
Draft Employment Tribunal (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 200.	P.169/2008.

Lodged: 4th November 2008.
Minister for Social Security.

F. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS

Appointment of unelected members of the Public Accounts Committee.
(Note attached)

Nomination of the Connétable of St. Helier as an elected member of the Public Accounts Committee.

G. MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE

H. PETITIONS

I. QUESTIONS

(a) – Written Questions *(attached)*

1. The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to a question asked by the Connétable of St. Lawrence regarding the cost of withdrawing from Higher Education courses.
2. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding free GP access.
3. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding supplementation.
4. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding a review of the Income Support system.
5. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding support for the redundant Woolworths staff.
6. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the new Strategic Plan.
7. 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 containers at La Collette.
8. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour regarding the management of public car parking at Rue des Prés Trading Estate.
9. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour regarding the maintenance of St. James Centre.
10. The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour regarding the budget allocation for cultural matters.
11. 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 Independent Complaints Procedure.
12. The Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le

Hérissier of St. Saviour regarding a review of the management structure within the Department.

13. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to a question asked by Senator Shenton regarding the rescindment of the 'Loi (1894) sur la Coupe et la Peche des Vraics'.
14. The Minister for Planning and Environment will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier regarding containers at La Collette.
15. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy A.E. Jeune of St. Brelade regarding updating the inheritance laws.
16. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier regarding access to the Energy from Waste contract.
17. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier regarding the ill health of staff working at La Collette.
18. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Senator P.F. Routier regarding the employment of social workers.
19. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. Mary regarding the implications of cancelling the Energy from Waste contract.
20. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding the advice received in relation to the euro cost element of the Energy for Waste plant.
21. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. Mary regarding the cost of consultancy fees in relation to the Energy from Waste plant.

(b) – Oral Questions

(90 minutes)

1. The Deputy of Grouville will ask the following question of the Chairman of the Comité des Connétables –

“Given that on 2nd April 2008, this Assembly agreed by 40 votes to 6 that a consistent criteria was to be developed for admitting people onto the waiting lists for homes built on re-zoned land, could the Chairman confirm if such a criteria has been developed for sheltered housing and, if so, what that criteria is?”

2. Senator S. Syvret will ask the following question of the Minister for Home Affairs –

“Will the Minister list each of those UK Police Forces which have been, remain, or are likely to be involved in investigating any aspect of the management of the Historic Child Abuse investigation, and will he state the costs to date of employing each Force, and the projected costs of any continuing work?”

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

“Will the Minister inform Members why no Appointed Day has been lodged for approval to bring into force Articles 30 to 32 and 34 to 48 of the Police Procedures and Criminal Evidence (Jersey) Law 2003, which relate to bail and detention and how many suspects since 2003 have been released pending further police enquires but have failed to return on the prescribed date?”

4. Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Housing –

“Given that 1(1)(k) residents can be accepted into the Island having negotiated individual tax deals, would the Minister agree to bring forward legislation to provide that, even after such residents have been registered for the obligatory 10 year period, they should be prevented from making multiple investments in the (a)-(h) housing market and potentially impacting upon others seeking to get onto the housing ladder?”
5. The Deputy of Grouville will ask the following question of the Minister for Planning and Environment –

“Given that on 2nd April 2009, the Assembly agreed that the Minister should bring forward a policy that requires planning applications over a certain size to provide a percentage of their build for social need, whether that be social rented, first-time buyer, retirement, sheltered housing or a mix, whichever is the most appropriate to the site, could the Minister confirm when such a policy is likely to be published?”
6. The Deputy of St. John will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development –

“Would the Minister advise whether the numbers of travellers by air and sea to Jersey in 2008 has increased, whether this translates to an increase in bed occupancy figures, and outline what measures, if any, he plans to put in place to reverse the decline in Tourism?”
7. The Deputy of St. Mary will ask the following question of the Minister for Planning and Environment –

“Would the Minister advise when the United Kingdom was officially informed of the Island’s intention to construct an incinerator adjacent to a designated Ramsar site, in accordance with Article 3.2 of the Convention; whether the Ramsar secretariat was officially informed, and what studies, if any, there have been on the anticipated impacts of airborne pollutants from the incinerator on marine habitats and life-forms within the Ramsar site?”
8. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security –

“In the light of the criticism of the Income Support (IS) system made within the recent draft report commissioned by the Connétable of St Helier, will the Minister now consider an urgent review of the operation of the Household Medical Account component of IS which was the subject of particular attention within the said report?”
9. Senator S. Syvret will ask the following question of H.M. Attorney General –

“Will H.M. Attorney General advise whether discussions have taken place between his Department and those insurers of the States of Jersey who may be expected to fund compensation should any successful claims be made against the States by child abuse survivors and, if so, list the insurers involved, and state what rôle he, or officers of his Department have played in any negotiations concerning compensation, including any putative redress board?”
10. The Deputy of St. John will ask the following question of H.M. Attorney General –

“Following recent events at Westminster, would the Attorney General advise whether members have any protection from investigation by the police within the States building whilst carrying out their business as Ministers, Scrutiny Panel members or backbenchers and if so, outline what

protection exists and whether a warrant to search members' possessions, lockers, desks and computers within the States building could be issued, by whom and on what grounds?"

11. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

“Would the Minister advise members of the cost of the report by Ambios Environmental Consultants, entitled: *‘Baseline Ecological Assessment: land at La Collette Reclamation Site, Havre des Pas, Jersey’*, which is referred to in Babbie and Fichtner’s Environment Impact Statement for the Energy from Waste plant Volume 2, January 2007, paragraph 10.2.2.?”

12. Senator P.F. Routier will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –

“Does the Minister consider that there is a need to enhance the Social Worker provision available to children and adults with special needs together with their families and carers; if not, would he explain why and if the answer is yes, would he explain how he would address this matter?”

13. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development –

“Will the Minister inform Members whether any creditors or ex-employees of Woolworths in Jersey are debarred from making an application for assistance, in accordance with Jersey law and practice, in order to ensure that any assets of the failed business remain within the jurisdiction of the Jersey Courts, until their proper distribution might be determined?”

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

“Will the Minister inform members when he expects to be able to bring to the Assembly the two items of legislation relating to TUPE (Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations) and Redundancy (Law and Regulations) listed on the 2009 Law Drafting programme, and will he account for the delay, since May 2008, in progressing the Employment Law amendments which have been drafted?”

15. Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

“Does the Minister believe enough is being done within both the formal and informal education systems to support vulnerable gay and lesbian young people and, if not, what new initiatives, if any, is the Minister planning to improve the situation?”

16. Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Home Affairs –

“Would the Minister confirm whether he is satisfied with the workings of the Independent Citizens Group which was appointed to oversee the Haut de la Garenne investigation and, if so, will he be extending its role into the future?”

17. The Deputy of St. Mary will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

“Could the Minister advise the Assembly what assumptions about population were built into the waste arising model which predicted the amount of residual waste requiring treatment in the

years up to 2035 (which was used as the basis for calculating the size of the incinerator the Island was thought to need) and also advise what assumptions about domestic recycling rates were built into the same model?"

18. The Deputy of St. Martin will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

“Will the Minister advise Members whether the Education (Jersey) Law 1999, in respect of suspensions is Human Rights Compliant and, if so, is he satisfied that the current policy to address the causes of suspension and to cater for the needs of suspended pupils is operating successfully, and, if not, what steps, if any, is the Minister proposing to address the matter?”

19. Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –

“Can the Minister advise whether the Jersey Electricity Company is importing a source of high carbon electricity from Guernsey Electricity Limited?”

20. Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“Will the Chief Minister be bringing proposals to the Assembly for the establishment of an independent office to consider representations from ‘whistleblowers’ and, if so, when?”

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

1st question period – Minister for Economic Development

2nd question period – Chief Minister

J. PERSONAL STATEMENTS

K. STATEMENTS ON A MATTER OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY

L. PUBLIC BUSINESS

Draft Health and Safety at Work (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Law 200-. P.170/2008.
Lodged: 4th November 2008.
Minister for Social Security.

Ratification of the Agreement for the Exchange of Information Relating to Tax P.171/2008.
Matters between the Federal Republic of Germany and the States of Jersey.
Lodged: 4th November 2008.
Chief Minister.

Draft Taxation (Exchange of Information with Third Countries) (Amendment) P.172/2008.
(Jersey) Regulations 200-.
Lodged: 4th November 2008.
Chief Minister.

Draft Protection of Children (Restriction on Supply of Goods) (Jersey) Law P.175/2008.
200-.
Lodged: 27th November 2008.
Minister for Economic Development.

Draft Public Employees (Contributory Retirement Scheme) (Existing Members) (Amendment No. 10) (Jersey) Regulations 2008.
Lodged: 2nd December 2008.
Chief Minister. P.176/2008.

Draft Public Employees (Contributory Retirement Scheme) (New Members) (Amendment No. 13) (Jersey) Regulations 2008.
Lodged: 2nd December 2008.
Chief Minister. P.177/2008.

In accordance with Standing Order 87 (1) the proposers of the following propositions have given notice that they will seek the agreement of the Assembly to debate the propositions at this meeting -

Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police: review of procedure regarding suspension.
Lodged: 18th December 2008.
Connétable of St. Helier.
(in camera) P.182/2008.

Planning Applications Panel: appointment of members.
Lodged: 19th December 2008.
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Lodged: 6th January 2009.
Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Clement. P.3/2009.

Jersey Financial Services Commission: appointment of Commissioners.
Lodged: 6th January 2009.
Minister for Economic Development.
(in camera) P.4/2009.

M. ARRANGEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

3rd February 2009

Draft Gender Recognition (Jersey) Law 2008.
Lodged: 25th November 2008.
Chief Minister. P.174/2008.

Draft Amendment (No. 10) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey.
Lodged: 5th December 2008.
Privileges and Procedures Committee. P.179/2008.

Draft Employment (Minimum Wage) (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 9th December 2008. <i>Minister for Social Security.</i>	P.180/2008.
Ministerial government: review. Lodged: 10th December 2008. <i>Deputy of St. John.</i>	P.181/2008.
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<u>24th February 2009</u>	
Draft Sex Offenders (Jersey) Law 200-. Lodged: 3rd December 2008. <i>Minister for Home Affairs.</i>	P.178/2008.
Draft Summary Fines (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Jersey) Law 200-. Lodged: 13th January 2009. <i>Comité des Connétables.</i>	P.6/2009.
<u>24th March 2008</u>	
Draft Income Tax (Amendment No. 32) (Jersey) Law 200. Lodged: 21st October 2008. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.161/2008.
Draft Income Tax (Amendment No. 32) (Jersey) Law 200 (P.161/2008): comments. Presented: 25th November 2008. <i>Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel.</i>	P.161/2008. Com.
<u>31st March 2008</u>	
Rates: the States' liability. Lodged: 16th September 2008. <i>Connétable of St. Helier.</i>	P.147/2008.

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Com.

M.N. DE LA HAYE
Greffier of the States

15th January 2009

Note –

Members are reminded that the annual Service of Dedication in the Parish Church of St. Helier will take place at 9.30 a.m. prior to the States' meeting at 10.15 a.m.

In accordance with the meeting dates fixed for 2009 by the Privileges and Procedures Committee, this meeting will continue, if necessary, on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd January 2009.

Explanatory Note regarding subordinate legislation tabled at this meeting.

(See Item B)

R&O.172/2008.

This Order exempts certain persons carrying on certain kinds of business from the requirement to be registered under the Proceeds of Crime (Supervisory Bodies) (Jersey) Law 2008 in respect of such business until 19th June 2009. The exemption applies to persons carrying on a regulated business and applies only in respect of business falling within items 4, 5 or 6 of the Schedule to that Law. Persons carrying on a regulated business are, broadly persons carrying on business under the Banking Business (Jersey) Law 1991, the Insurance Business (Jersey) Law 1996, the Collective Investment Funds (Jersey) Law 1988, or the Financial Services (Jersey) Law 1998 (“the regulatory Laws”). Items 4, 5 and 6 of the Schedule refer broadly to certain kinds of business exempt from registration or regulation under the regulatory Laws.

The Order was made on 19th December 2008 and came into force forthwith.

R&O.1/2009.

This Order replaces the Community Provisions (Restrictive Measures – Iran) (Jersey) Order 2007. It updates prohibitions and restrictions on trade with Iran, provisions for the freezing of funds of persons connected with Iran and provisions for the reporting of transactions connected with Iran. It also introduces requirements for the provision of information, in the event that Iranian carriers arrive at or depart from the harbours or airport.

The Order was made on 2nd January 2009 and came into force on 8th January 2009.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE: APPOINTMENT OF UNELECTED MEMBERS

(See Item F)

In accordance with Standing Order 124(1) the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee has given notice of his nominations for the position of unelected member of the PAC.

The Chairman has given notice that he will nominate the following 3 persons on 20th January 2009 –

Mr. Martin Paul Magee
Mr. Patrick John Dennis Ryan
Mr. Kevin Keen

(short biographies for these nominees are attached)

BIOGRAPHIES

Mr. Martin Paul Magee

Mr. Magee (48) joined the Jersey Electricity Company as Finance Director in May 2002. He moved from Scottish Power Plc, the UK based utility, after 9 years in a variety of senior finance roles at a corporate level, but also as Financial Controller of its telecom subsidiary and the electricity supply and distribution business. He previously worked for 9 years with Stakis Plc. (now part of the Hilton Hotels Group) in a number of positions including Company Secretary and Development Manager within its Leisure Division, as well as spending 2 years in Spair with its hotels business. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, having qualified in 1984. He was born in Glasgow in 1960 and is married with 2 sons. Mr. Magee served on the previous PAC and will provide a degree of continuity.

Mr. Patrick John Dennis Ryan

Mr. Ryan (60) is Jersey-born and was educated at Victoria College and Elizabeth College, Guernsey. After UK training in mechanical engineering his entrepreneurial career (principally in the motor trade) developed with UK-based companies and then, after his return to the Island in 1979, local companies such as Cleveland Garages, as Managing Director, until its sale in 1988 and then the Freelance Motor Group which he sold in 2002. He remains non-executive chairman of, and shareholder in, the commercial landscaping company Augrès Landscape.

In 2002 he successfully stood as a Deputy in St. Helier No. 1. His States career included the Presidency of the Committee for Postal Administration during the difficult transition towards incorporation between 2002 and 2005, and this first 3 year term also included membership of the Economic Development Committee, where he had responsibility for Competition Law, Consumer Affairs, the Construction Industry and the Financial Services Sector in 2004/5.

After re-election, and for the last 3 years, Mr. Ryan led the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel as its Chairman, the Panel completing a number of complex reviews into the Fiscal Strategy, including GST, zero/ten and other taxes, as well as more general items such as Bovine Semen Importation, Age of Consent and States Property matters.

Mr. Kevin Keen

Kevin Keen (50) was born and educated in Jersey. After working in the local accounting profession from the age of 16 years, he joined Le Riche Group in 1985 where he was appointed Group Finance Director in 1995 and subsequently Managing Director of the largest division in 2000. He joined Jersey Dairy in early 2003 as Managing Director, and led that business through a period of substantial and successful change before leaving in 2007 to pursue other interests.

He is currently Finance Director of Voisins Department Store and also non-executive director of 3 local companies, one of which is Jersey Water. In addition, he is actively involved in a number of not-for-profit organisations, including the Jersey Battle of Flowers Association and Family Nursing and Home Care.

Mr. Keen is a fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. He also holds the degree of Master of Business Administration awarded by the University of Stirling.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

(See Item I(a))

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

“For the years 2003 to 2008 inclusive, would the Minister inform members –

- (a) the total cost of higher education courses to the Department for each year?
- (b) the number of undergraduate withdrawals, if any?
- (c) the cost to the Department for those undergraduate withdrawals?
- (d) what the current policy is for reclaiming monies owed by those undergraduates?
- (e) whether that policy will be reviewed?”

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

“Will the Minister provide an accurate and comprehensive statement for members regarding the cost of extending free GP access to an additional 4,000 households, including those with high medical needs, lone parents, couples with children and pensioners, as I suggested in my amendment to the 2009 Business Plan (‘Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008) Sixth Amendment’)?”

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

“In P.82/2005, figures produced by the Social Security Department suggested that removal of the ceiling on employer and employee Social Security contributions would raise additional funding of £22 million. Would the Minister advise members what the current figure would be today and what percentage increase in the combined employee and employer rate would enable the elimination of supplementation?”

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

“In the light of the critical report recently delivered on the effectiveness and efficiency of the Income Support system, will the Minister now agree to a full and comprehensive review of the ‘fitness for purpose’ of Income Support this year, as previously proposed, paying particular attention to incentives to work and save; access to GP’s; prompt access and greater flexibility over special payments, and the issue of community visitors to protect the vulnerable, and if not, why?”

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

“In the light of the Woolworths insolvency, and consequent redundancies, will the Chief Minister inform members what consideration, if any, the Council of Ministers has given to supporting the workers already affected by these redundancies in the short term?

Would the Chief Minister advise what steps, if any, have been, or are to be, taken to establish proper protection for Jersey employees in similar circumstances in the long term; in what timescale does he see these measures being in place, and what intermediate measures, if any, does he envisage being put in place

during 2009?

What research and information, if any, does the Council of Ministers have on the scale of recession in Jersey and potential insolvencies and redundancies in 2009 and beyond?"

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

“Will the Chief Minister inform members whether the Council of Ministers intends to address the following issues which were central to the recent Senatorial elections in the Strategic Plan –

- Fair taxation – GST, 20 means 20 and Social Security contributions (including dealing with Supplementation);
- Government and electoral reform;
- Population and migration issues – to include immigration control and a proper investigation into the issues raised by ‘Imagine Jersey 2035’?”

In consultation towards a new Strategic Plan will the Chief Minister commit himself to devising a plan which contains SMART (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) objectives with, in particular, measurable and timed outcomes?

Will he further undertake to ensure that the Strategic Plan should indicate the mechanisms by which such outcomes will be achieved?"

7. 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–

“Will the Minister advise whether the large stack containers at La Collette, which have prompted letters of complaint to me from the residents of properties in the Havre des Pas, Greve d’Azette and St. Clement’s Coast Road area, are a permanent feature and if so, was planning permission given for their placement in this location?"

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

“What issues, if any, arise in managing public car parking on the Rue des Pres Trading Estate and how are these issues being resolved?"

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

“What actions, if any, will the Minister be taking to resolve the long standing maintenance issues at St. James’ Centre?"

10. The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour–

“Is the Minister satisfied with the current budget allocation to Culture and with the manner in which the funds

are disbursed?”

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

“How many people have utilised the Independent Complaints Procedure and is the Minister content with the manner in which it is working?”

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

“Given the Minister’s commitment to public service reform, will he outline his plans, if any, for reforming the management of the Health and Social Services Department?”

13. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to the following question asked by Senator Shenton –

“Can the Minister explain why he has not taken any action to remove the ancient seaweed law ‘Loi (1894) sur la Coupe et la Peche des Vraics’ which is preventing the development of Ormer farming in Jersey on a commercial basis, despite requests from the industry?”

14. The Minister for Planning and Environment will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier–

“Will the Minister advise whether planning permission was given for the placement of the large stack containers at La Collette, which have prompted letters of complaint to me from the residents of properties in the Havre des Pas, Greve d’Azette and St. Clement’s Coast Road area, and if so, would he inform members when this was given and whether the planning application was advertised in the usual manner?”

15. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy A.E. Jeune of St. Brelade–

“Following a States decision on 11th November 2003 on inheritance laws (a vote of 40–0 to abolish discrimination of illegitimate offspring) and in light of the response given to Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour on 1st July 2008, will the Chief Minister be progressing legislation to update inheritance laws to ensure fairness and equity for illegitimate persons and bring Jersey’s laws on this matter in line with the European Convention of Human Rights and other international obligations and, if so, will he undertake to lodge this for debate by the end of February 2009?”

16. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier–

“Given that the Chief Minister has promised inclusive and transparent government, is the Minister aware that elected States Members have recently been denied access to view the new Energy from Waste plant/incinerator contract, and if so, does he support this and under what justification?”

17. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier–

“Given that many St. Helier No. 1 district residents within the La Collette/Havre Des Pas area continue to complain of health problems that they attribute to air-borne pollutions from the composting facility, would the Minister outline how many man hours have been lost over the past twelve months due to ill health among workers directly employed at the site?”

18. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Senator P.F. Routier –

“Will the Minister inform Members how many agreed Social Worker posts there have been, there are currently and there will be across all of the Social Services network and their allocation across the Children’s Service, the Adult Social Work Team and the Special Needs Team for each of the years 2007, 2008 and 2009?”

Would the Minister detail for each of the above years –

- (a) the number of vacancies in each of the three teams and the length of time they remained vacant?
- (b) the number of long term absences amongst staff in each of the three teams and the length of time staff have been off work?”

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

“Given that any cancellation costs would be contested and determined at arbitration, would the Minister advise the Assembly what the Transport and Technical Services Department estimates the cost to the Island would be if the contract for the new Energy from Waste Plant at La Collette was cancelled, set out and justified under as many clear headings as are necessary for the estimate to be verifiable by peer review, and outline the variations in potential liability to the States, if any, should the date of cancellation be taken to be 16th February 2009, or an earlier or later date?”

- 20.. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier–

“Would the Minister advise the Assembly whether his predecessor was given any advice regarding the hedging of the euro cost element of the Energy for Waste plant and, if so, from which organisation such advice was received and was it accepted?”

Would the Minister outline the benefits or losses, if any, incurred on the staged payments made under the contract to date?”

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

“Would the Minister provide the Assembly with a year-on-year breakdown of the consultancy costs to date in relation to the Solid Waste Strategy and the new Energy from Waste plant?”

Would the Minister advise members of the costs of the following consultants’ reports –

- (a) the Bابتie Fichtner Technology Review 2005;
- (b) the Bابتie Fichtner Technology Review 2008;
- (c) the report by Ambios Environmental Consultants, entitled: ‘Baseline Ecological Assessment: land at La Collette Reclamation Site, Havre des Pas, Jersey’; and,
- (d) the work done by Deloitte and Touche in their role as financial advisers on the incinerator project team?”

ORAL QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS WITHOUT NOTICE

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