

## **Tuesday 2nd February 2016**

#### A. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

#### B. TABLING OF SUBORDINATE ENACTMENTS

(Explanatory note attached)

Home Affairs (Fire and Rescue and Petroleum – 2016 Fees) (Jersey) Order 2016. R&O.4/2016. *Minister for Home Affairs*.

Road Traffic (St. Helier) (Amendment No. 31) (Jersey) Order 2016. R&O.6/2016. *Minister for Infrastructure*.

Road Traffic (Disabled Persons) (Parking) (Amendment No. 9) (Jersey) Order R&O.7/2016.

Minister for Infrastructure.

European Communities Legislation (Bluetongue) (Amendment of Regulations) R&O.8/2016. (Jersey) Order 2016.

Minister for the Environment.

Diseases of Animals (Rabies) (Importation of Mammals) (Amendment) (Jersey) R&O.9/2016. Order 2016.

Minister for the Environment.

#### C. DOCUMENTS PRESENTED OR LAID

Consultation Paper: Draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Jersey) Law 201- and Draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Dissolution and Winding Up, etc.) (Jersey) Regulations 201-.

Presented: 26th January 2016.

Chief Minister.

Land Transactions under Standing Order 168(3) –

R.9/2016.

R.8/2016.

- (a) Les Amis Residential Home, Le Geyt Training Centre lease;
- (b) Eden House, Les Cloches, Le Squez Road, St. Clement, JE2 6BG lease.

Presented: 26th January 2016.

Minister for Infrastructure.

#### D. NOTIFICATION OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

#### E. WITHDRAWAL OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

In accordance with Standing Order 34(1), the proposer of the following proposition lodged 'au Greffe' has informed the Greffier of the States that it is to be withdrawn –

Draft EU Legislation (Consumer Protection – Unfair Practices) (Jersey)

P.134/2015.

Regulations 201-.

Lodged: 26th October 2015.

Minister for Economic Development.



## F. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS

Nomination of members of the Environment, Housing and Technical Services Scrutiny Panel.

Nomination of the Deputy of St. John as a member of the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel.

#### G. MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE

#### H. PETITIONS

# I. QUESTIONS

## (a) - Written Questions

(attached)

- 1. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy J.A. Hilton of St. Helier regarding the Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy Group.
- 2. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy J.A. Hilton of St. Helier regarding the bi-annual review of the Children's Service.
- 3. The Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier regarding cost-benefit analysis of the 2015 Jersey Island Games.
- 4. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy J.A. Hilton of St. Helier regarding students whose first language is not English.
- 5. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding the population and immigration.
- 6. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding the impact of base erosion and profit sharing proposals on Jersey's economy.
- 7. The Chief Minister will table an answer to Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding the likely effects of a fourth industrial revolution on the Island's economy.
- 8. H.M. Attorney General will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding the employment of barristers
- 9. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding single pensioner Income Support claims.
- 10. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding occupational pension schemes.
- 11. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the inspection of care agencies.
- 12. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the single parent component of Income Support.
- 13. The Minister for Housing will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the supply of social rental homes.



- 14. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. John regarding the Social Security, Health Insurance and Long Term Care funds.
- 15. The Minister for Home Affairs will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier regarding the incitement of racial and religious hatred.
- 16. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier regarding High Value Residents.
- 17. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier regarding the payment of Parish Rates.

#### (b) - Oral Questions

(120 minutes)

- 1. Deputy J.A. Hilton of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chief Minister
  - "What steps, if any, will the Chief Minister be taking to ensure that unmarried fathers have increased rights in relation to their children and that, when named on a birth certificate, they automatically have parental responsibility?"
- 2. Senator Z.A. Cameron will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services
  - "Could the Minister explain what human resources policies and procedures are in place to ensure the safe recruitment and retention of competent and skilled staff in the Health and Social Services Department?"
- 3. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security
  - "Can the Minister explain why she has taken steps to cut the living standards of the 30% of pensioners in receipt of the States pension alone and who rely on Income Support?"
- 4. The Connétable of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources
  - "Would the Minister advise what progress, if any, has been made in arranging for the payment of rates by the States for the rate year 2017?"
- Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security –
  - "Given the Assembly's commitment to the 1,001 Days Initiative, will the Minister be exploring an extension to maternity leave as part of the planned review of family-friendly legislation, and furthermore will she consider designating at least a significant portion of maternity leave as 'parental leave' available to either parent?"
- 6. Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services
  - "Will the Minister agree to remove People's Park from the list of potential sites in advance of the debate on P.3/2016?"



7. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Housing –

"Does the Minister intend to review the present position whereby properties in the private sector can be advertised as 'no children', and what action, if any, does she intend to take to remedy this?"

8. Deputy J.M. Maçon of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

"When will the Council of Ministers be producing its migration and population policy and how will it ensure that it meets the timetable it sets?"

9. Deputy R. Labey of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

"Will the Chief Minister explain to the Assembly why he is considering the creation of a £120,000 per annum senior officer post at External Relations?"

10. The Connétable of St. John will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –

"Following the adoption by the States of P.78/2015 'La Collette Low Rise: protection of open space', can the Minister confirm how and when he instructed Andium Homes of the decision of the Assembly and whether he did so in writing?"

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

"Could the Minister explain the origin of the annual additional income received by the States of Jersey from the Office of Communications (Ofcom) and state whether this funding could be used to assist Social Security to provide free television licences for all persons over the age of 75 and if not, why not?"

12. Senator Z.A. Cameron will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –

"What assessment has been made of whether the proposed chairman of the States of Jersey Development Company has enough capacity to properly oversee the activities of the company, sufficient to justify a salary of £40,000 for 24 days, the equivalent of £420,000 per annum?"

13. Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

"Can the Chief Minister provide an update on the progress the Council of Ministers have made in relation to the 1,001 Days Initiative, including details of any changes to the funding of current projects and/or the creation of any new projects?"

14. The Deputy of St. John will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture –

"Could the Minister explain the origin of the annual additional income received by the States of Jersey from the Office of Communications (Ofcom) and state whether this funding could be used to assist Social Security to provide free television licences for all persons over the age of 75 and if not, why not?"



15. Deputy J.M. Maçon of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

"Given the undertaking of the Chief Minister to come forward with higher education funding proposals by the end of the first quarter of this year, can the Council of Ministers provide any indication of what these proposals will include and whether this timetable will be met?"

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

"Will the Minister agree to a wide-ranging examination of working terms and conditions for domestic care workers to examine whether some means of regulation of these conditions should be introduced?"

17. Deputy J.A. Hilton of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –

"Given that the Minister has not responded to emails dated 21st and 24th January, which were copied to the Chief Minister and the Minister for Treasury and Resources, inviting them to participate in a public meeting on 11th February at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall to discuss People's Park as a possible new location for the hospital, can the Minister advise whether he intends to attend the meeting?"

18. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security –

"What provisions are in place to protect workers from exploitation, particularly in relation to maximum working hours, break entitlements and rest times between shifts?"

19. Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Infrastructure –

"Following indications from Unite the Union that a ballot is imminently to be taken by employees at his Department on strike action, what actions, if any, is the Minister taking to find a resolution to this dispute?"

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

1st question period – Minister for Infrastructure

2nd question period – Minister for the Environment

#### J. PERSONAL STATEMENTS

#### K. STATEMENTS ON A MATTER OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## L. PUBLIC BUSINESS

Draft Debt Remission (Individuals) (Jersey) Law 201-. Lodged: 9th December 2015. *Chief Minister*. P.153/2015.

Draft Children's Property and Tuteurs (Jersey) Law 201-.

P.156/2015.

Lodged: 15th December 2015.

Chief Minister.



Draft Dogs (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Law 201-.
Lodged: 15th December 2015.

Chief Minister.

P.157/2015.

Jersey Police Complaints Authority: re-appointment of Chairman. P.158/2015. Lodged: 21st December 2015.

Minister for Home Affairs.

Draft Health and Safety (Management in Construction) (Jersey) Regulations 201-. P.159/2015. Lodged: 22nd December 2015.

Minister for Social Security.

Jersey Bank Depositors Compensation Board: appointment of members. P.163/2015. Lodged: 24th December 2015.

Chief Minister.

States of Jersey Development Company Limited: appointment of Chairman. P.1/2016.

Lodged: 5th January 2016.

Minister for Treasury and Resources.

#### M. ARRANGEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

## 23rd February 2016

Concessionary bus fares for the disabled: discussions with LibertyBus. P.140/2015. Lodged: 10th November 2015.

Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade.

Concessionary bus fares for the disabled: discussions with LibertyBus (P.140/2015) – comments. (P.140/2015) – comments.

Presented: 14th December 2015.

Council of Ministers.

Draft Taxation (Implementation) (International Tax Compliance) (United States of America) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 201-.

Lodged: 24th December 2015.

Minister for External Relations.

Draft Taxation (Implementation) (International Tax Compliance) (United P.161/2015.

Kingdom) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 201-.

Lodged: 24th December 2015. *Minister for External Relations*.

Draft Financial Regulation (Miscellaneous Provisions No. 3) (Jersey) Law 201-. P.162/2015.

Lodged: 24th December 2015. *Chief Minister*.

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Draft Dentistry (Jersey) Law 2015 (Appointed Day) Act 201-. P.2/2016.

Lodged: 12th January 2016.

Minister for Health and Social Services.

People's Park: removal from list of sites under consideration for future new P.3/2016.

hospital.

Lodged: 19th January 2016. *Connétable of St. Helier*.



## 8th March 2016

Draft Act annulling the Planning and Environment (2016 Fees) (Jersey) Order

P.4/2016.

2015.

Lodged: 19th January 2016.

Deputy S.M. Wickenden of St. Helier.

# 22nd March 2016

Draft Commissioner for Standards (Jersey) Law 201-.

P.120/2015.

Lodged: 15th October 2015.

Privileges and Procedures Committee.

La Collette Low Rise Development: direction to Andium Homes Ltd.

P.139/2015.

Lodged: 9th November 2015. Deputy R. Labey of St. Helier.

# DR. M. EGAN Greffier of the States

28th January 2016

Note -

In accordance with the meeting dates fixed for 2015 by the Privileges and Procedures Committee, this meeting will continue, if necessary, on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th February 2016.



## Explanatory Note regarding subordinate legislation tabled at this meeting.

(See Item B)

#### R&O.4/2016.

This Order increases fees as follows.

Fees associated with the Fire and Rescue Service and licensing fees under the Petroleum (Jersey) Law 1984 are increased by, on average, 2.5%. The fees were last increased 1 year ago.

The Order was made on 18th January 2016 and came into force on 25th January 2016.

#### R&O.6/2016.

This Order gives permanent effect to road traffic restrictions in St. Helier that were brought in on a temporary basis under Article 68 of the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956. Waiting is prohibited in Le Clos Vaze and in a section of the western arm of The Parade. A section of Tunnell Street is closed to through traffic, new 3 hour parking disc places are introduced in part of Le Clos Vaze and some alterations are made to unloading bays in Bath Street, Broad Street, the Esplanade, La Motte Street and the western arm of The Parade.

The Order was made on 25th January 2016 and came into force on 26th January 2016.

#### R&O.7/2016.

This Order amends Schedule 1 to the Road Traffic (Disabled Persons) (Parking) (Jersey) Order 2002 by increasing the number of disabled 4 hour parking places in Broad Street and creating new 2 hour disabled parking places in Robin Place.

The Order was made on 25th January 2016 and came into force on 26th January 2016.

#### R&O.8/2016.

Regulation 7 of the European Communities Legislation (Bluetongue) (Jersey) Regulations 2008 (the "Regulations") currently prohibits the vaccination of animals against bluetongue if Jersey is a surveillance zone declared under Regulation 3(2) of the Regulations.

The amendment of Regulations 1 and 7 of the Regulations by *Articles 2* and *3* respectively of this Order, gives effect to Directive 2012/5/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2012 (O.J. No. L.81/1, 21.3.2012) (the "2012 Directive") amending Council Directive 2000/75/EC (the "2000 Directive") as regards vaccination against bluetongue.

Animals may, subject to  $Article\ 5(1)$  of the 2000 Directive (as replaced by the 2012 Directive), be vaccinated against bluetongue in any geographic area but live attenuated vaccines (as defined in Regulation 1 of the Regulations, as amended by  $Article\ 2$  of this Order) are restricted for use only in a protection zone (as may be declared for Jersey under Regulation 3(1) of the Regulations). If Jersey is declared a surveillance zone, any vaccination of animals against bluetongue using live attenuated vaccines is prohibited (in line with  $Article\ 10(2)$  of the 2000 Directive as replaced by the 2012 Directive).

The Order was made on 25th January 2016 and came into force on 26th January 2016.



#### R&O.9/2016.

This Order amends the Diseases of Animals (Rabies) (Importation of Mammals) (Jersey) Order 2011 ("principal Order").

Article 1 is an interpretation provision.

Article 2 inserts some definitions in the principal Order so as to bring the drafting of the principal Order, in so far as it relates to certain pet animals, in line with the Pet Travel Scheme (Jersey) Regulations 2011 and EU Regulation No. 576/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 June 2013 on the non-commercial movement of pet animals ("Community Regulation"). The definition of "pet animal" is set out in the Community Regulation to mean an animal of a species listed in Annex I to that Regulation accompanying its owner, or a person authorised by the owner, during non-commercial movement. Except where specified otherwise, the principal Order does not apply to pet animals which are dogs, cats and ferrets (species listed in Part A of Annex I to the Community Regulation) as movement of those animals is governed by the Pet Travel Scheme (Jersey) Regulations 2011.

Article 3 amends the principal Order so that a licence is no longer required to bring into Jersey a pet animal which is a rodent or rabbit and which comes to Jersey from a member State of the European Union or any of the following countries or territories: Andorra, Switzerland, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, Greenland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino or the Vatican City State. If an animal is imported into such a member State, country or territory it must have been imported there legally.

Article 4 amends the provision in the principal Order so as to extend to ferrets (other than pet ferrets) the existing requirement which requires dogs and cats (other than pet dogs and cats) to be vaccinated against rabies.

Article 5 amends the provision in the principal Order concerning detention of animals on board vessels in a Jersey port concerning contact with pet animals to bring the language in line with the Community Regulation.

Article 6 amends to the Schedule to the principal Order so as to include ferrets in the list of common names of species included in the order *carnivora*.

Article 7 sets out the title of this Order and provides that it will come into force 7 days after the day it is made.

The Order was made on 25th January 2016 and came into force on 1st February 2016.



(See Item I(a))

1. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy J.A. Hilton of St. Helier –

Given the previous failings of the 'Corporate Parent' to address issues involving children, can the Minister explain how handing the political lead for children to another group, in the form of the Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy Group, fulfils the role and requirements outlined in the Williamson report R.8/2009?

2. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy J.A. Hilton of St. Helier –

Can the Minister advise whether the bi-annual review of the Children's Service was carried out in 2015, in line with what was agreed in the Williamson Implementation Plan 2009, and if not, why not?

3. The Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier –

"Given that the Economic Development Department now has responsibility for sport, can the Minister advise the Assembly whether his department has conducted, or is in possession of, a detailed cost-benefit analysis on the 2015 Jersey Island Games?

If such a report has not been prepared, will the Minister compile a cost-benefit analysis of the Games to be provided to all States Members, together with a detailed breakdown of the relevant accounts? Alternatively, will the Minister explain why a reported expenditure of some £15 million in respect of the Games does not require a cost-benefit analysis?"

4. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy J.A. Hilton of St. Helier –

"Will the Minister advise members, using a table for each of the last five years, the number of pupils in each Jersey primary and secondary school whose first language was not English; the native language of those students; the number of additional staff appointed to teach those students English and the annual cost of supporting those students?"

5. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier –

"Will the Chief Minister explain to members the discrepancy between the new arrivals figure of 6,308 given in response to written question 1240/5(9100), tabled on 1st December 2015, compared to the official interim immigration policy figure for the same period (1st July 2013 to 1st December 2015) of 813?"



6. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier –

"Following publication of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development's Base Erosion and Profit Sharing proposals, can the Chief Minister outline for members the likely affect the measures will have on the Jersey economy and, in particular, the finance industry, given that profit will be reported where the economic activities that generate them are carried out and where value is created?"

7. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier –

"Will the Chief Minister advise members what research, if any, has been carried out in the Island into the likely effects of a fourth industrial revolution on the Island's economy and, in particular, employment in white collar and administrative jobs, and, if none, why?"

8. H.M. Attorney General will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier –

"Will H.M. Attorney General advise members how many U.K. barristers have been employed by the Law Officers' Department either to give advice or take action on its behalf each year since 2005 to 2015, detailing which chambers they were from, their expertise, the cost and in what areas they advised or represented the Island?"

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

"Further to the response to written question 9153, tabled on 19th January 2016, will the Minister give a full breakdown of the number of single pensioner Income Support claims by weekly pension income bands, along with a similar breakdown for pensioner couples showing the median (50%) figure in each case?

Will she further provide a breakdown of the weekly income of those 31% of Income Support pensioner claimants who have no income other than a States pension, along with the overall incomes of the 69% who have two or more income sources (second pension, earnings, Long Term Incapacity Allowance)?

Will she also give a breakdown of Income Support claims for the 200 or so new pension claimants who became pensioners in 2005 and indicate whether this profile is expected to change markedly in 2016 when the new disregards are in place?"

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

"Will the Minister inform members what specific measures are under active consideration to incentivise and encourage employers, especially owners of small and medium-sized enterprises, to enrol their employees on occupational pension schemes?

Will he also inform members what proportion of employees, by economic sector, have access to and are enrolled in such pension schemes and what numbers are reliant solely on the States pension along with any targets he may have to improve retirement incomes under such schemes? Can he further indicate how Jersey compares with other jurisdictions in this regard?"



11. 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 inform members what specific elements, relating to the Employment (Jersey) Law 2003 or otherwise, were being inspected in the 6 inspections of care agencies referred to in written question 9148, tabled on 19th January 2016?

What powers do enforcement/compliance have when conducting such inspections, in particular in relation to the accuracy of the contracts issued in relation to the employment conditions practised? How many of the 22 agencies mentioned in the answer use "zero hours" contracts which fit the guidelines issued by Jersey Advisory Conciliation Service (JACS) on the appropriate use of such contracts?

Does the Minister intend to consider a more proactive approach to regulating this sector, or will reliance continue to be placed on individual complaints to JACS or to Social Security officers?"

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

"What estimate, if any, does the Minister have for the impact of her decision to remove the single parent component of Income Support from all single parent households over the coming 3 years on the median income for these households in nominal or real terms over the period, and if none, why?"

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

"What action, if any, does the Minister propose to take to tackle the supply of social rental homes (not affordable homes) in the short and medium term, in the light of the figures given in answer to written question 9169, tabled on 19th January 2016, which showed significant increases in the waiting lists across all categories?"

14. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to the following question asked by the Deputy of St. John –

"Further to Ministerial Decision MD-S-2016-0001 made on the 6th January 2016, could the Minister provide a full breakdown of the costs that make up the withdrawal of £8,140,000 from the Social Security Fund, Health Insurance Fund and Long Term Care Fund for 2016?

Should there be an overpayment to the Social Security Department from these funds, will the excess funding be returned to the particular fund at the end of year? If not, why not?

How can the sums of £5,180,000 (Social Security Fund), £1,540,000 (Health Insurance Fund) and £1,420,000 (Long Term Care Fund) reflect the operational and management costs of running the department when it is based on predictions?"

15. The Minister for Home Affairs will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier –

"What thought, if any, has the Minister or her predecessors given to introducing a new criminal offence for inciting racial or religious hatred? Would she be prepared to consider bringing forward legislation to introduce a new offence based on the one which currently exists in the U.K.?"



16. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier –

"Further to the Minister's answer to written question 9161, tabled on 19th January 2016, can an individual's social contribution to the Island be considered a factor as to whether a person is allowed to maintain their status as a High Value Resident? What grounds are there for the re-consideration of a High Value Resident's tax status? Would negative behaviour, such as the incitement of racial hatred or boycotting of local businesses, be included?"

17. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier –

"Further to the Minister's answer to written question 9160, tabled on 19th January 2016, in which an estimate could not be provided in relation to how much potential tax income is lost by allowing the payment of Parish Rates on properties which are rented out to be offset against that rental income, would the Minister endeavour to investigate what this figure may be, or alternatively, would he consider allowing individual home owners and tenants to also claim payment of Parish Rates as an expense to be deducted from their tax contribution?"



# ORAL QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS WITHOUT NOTICE

(See Item I(c))

# Questions without notice 2016

1st Session 2016		
February 23rd	External Relations	Chief Minister
March 8th	Social Security	Home Affairs
March 22nd	Treasury and Resources	Chief Minister
April 12th	Education	Health and Social Services
April 26th	Economic Development, Tourism,	Chief Minister
	Sport and Culture	
May 10th	Housing	Infrastructure
May 24th	Environment	Chief Minister
June 14th	External Relations	Social Security
June 28th	Home Affairs	Chief Minister
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September 13th	Health and Social Services	Chief Minister
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**December 13th** Education Chief Minister



## Appointment of members of the Environment, Housing and Technical Services Scrutiny Panel

Standing Order 135(2)(b) provides that each Scrutiny Panel shall consist of a number of members determined by the Chairman of the Panel, but not more than 4, who must be elected members who are not Ministers or Assistant Ministers. Standing Order 135(3) provides that an elected member of a Scrutiny Panel cannot be a member of more than 2 Scrutiny Panels and can only be Chairman of one.

After announcing the number of members that he or she wants, the Chairman will make his or her nominations. The Presiding Officer will invite alternative nominations and, if alternative nominations are made, a secret ballot will be held.