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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(139th Meeting)

(Business conducted by electronic mail)5th October 2021**PART A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Senator I.J. Gorst, Minister for External Relations and Financial Services, Deputy G.C.U. Guida of St. Lawrence, Minister for Home Affairs, Deputy J. H. Young of St. Brelade, Minister for the Environment, Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville, Minister for International Development and Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier, Minister for Social Security, from whom apologies had been received.

Senator J.A.N Le Fondré, Chief Minister  
 Senator L.J. Farnham, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture  
 Deputy R.J. Renouf of St. Ouen, Minister for Health and Social Services  
 Deputy R. Labey of St. Helier, Minister for Housing and Communities  
 Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour, Minister for Infrastructure  
 Deputy S.J. Pinel of St. Clement, Minister for Treasury and Resources  
 Deputy S.M. Wickenden of St. Helier, Minister for Children and Education

In attendance -

Deputy R.E. Huelin of St. Peter, Assistant Chief Minister  
 P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Offices, Office of the Chief Executive  
 K.L. Slack, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A only.

Our Hospital –  
 budget,  
 financing and  
 land assembly  
 (P.80/2021)  
 second  
 amendment  
 (P.80/2021  
 Amd.(2)) –  
 comment.

A1. The Council of Ministers, with reference to Minute No. B1 of its meeting of 28th September 2021, recalled that the Future Hospital Review Panel had lodged a second amendment to the Council's Proposition entitled 'Our Hospital – budget, financing and assembly', which was due to be debated by the States Assembly on 5th October 2021 and that it had agreed, in principle, to present a comment thereon.

The Council accordingly received and noted a draft comment, dated 4th October 2021, which rejected the proposed reductions and limitations on overall costs and borrowing, considering it would lead to delay and present risks that care quality, patient safety and health outcomes would be compromised and the project unable to proceed. It therefore approved it for presentation to the States Assembly, subject to the correction of minor typographical errors and instructed officers to liaise with the States Greffe in order to arrange for the draft comment to be so presented.

Ministers thanked officers for their endeavours in this regard.