

Council of Ministers

(28th Meeting)

28th March 2023

**Part A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Deputies K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Chief Minister, P.F.C. Ozouf of St. Saviour, Minister for External Relations and Financial Services, H.M. Miles of St. Brelade, Minister for Home Affairs, M.E. Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Social Security and T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour, Minister for Infrastructure, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (Acting Chair)  
 Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for International Development  
 Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North, Minister for Children and Education  
 Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Minister for Treasury and Resources  
 Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South, Minister for Housing and Communities  
 Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade, Minister for the Environment  
 Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement, Minister for Health and Social Services  
 Deputy M.R. Ferey of St. Saviour, Assistant Minister for Social Security (in lieu of the Minister for Social Security)

In attendance -

Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Representative of the Comité des Connétables  
 Deputy S.M. Ahier of St. Helier North, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure  
 Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Assistant Minister for the Environment  
 Deputy A.F. Curtis of St. Clement, Assistant Chief Minister (for a time)  
 Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Assistant Chief Minister  
 M.H. Temple, K.C., H.M. Attorney General  
 S. Wylie, OBE, Chief Executive and Head of the Public Service, Government of Jersey  
 R. Bell, Treasurer of the States (for item B4 only)  
 A. Scate, Chief Officer, Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department (for items A2 and B5-B6 only)  
 M. Berry, Senior Legal Advisor, Law Officers' Department (for item B3 only)  
 D. Woodside, Senior Legal Advisor, Law Officers' Department (for item B3 only)  
 Dr. L. Magris, Acting Group Director, Strategy and Innovation, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department (for item B3 only)  
 A. Hacquoil, Group Director, Strategic Finance, Treasury and Exchequer (for item B4 only)  
 E. Littlechild, Group Director, Operations and Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department (for item B5 only)

T. Daniels, Director, Jersey Property Holdings, Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department (for items A2 and B6 only)  
Dr. M. Mathias, MBE, Director of Delivery and Improvement, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department (for item B4 only)  
E. Robbins, Strategic Support (for item B3 only)  
F. Fraser, Deputy Director, Domestic Tax Policy, Treasury and Exchequer (for item B2 only)  
K. Lemasney, Head of High Value Residency Engagement, Department for the Economy (for item B2 only)  
N. Wallis, Head of Financial Planning, Treasury and Exchequer (for item B4 only)  
P. Ashley, Head of Investment Appraisal, Treasury and Exchequer (for item B4 only)  
P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Office  
S. Spottiswoode, Manager, Financial Planning, Treasury and Exchequer (for item B4 only)  
K.L. Slack, Clerk to the Council of Ministers (items A1-A2, B1-B3 and B5-B6)  
L. Lister, Secretariat Officer, States Greffe (item B4)

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Parts A and B.

Minutes. A1. The Minutes of the meetings of the Council of Ministers of 21st February, 7th and 14th March (Parts A and B) and 17th March 2023 (Part A only) having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Forthcoming business. A2. The Council of Ministers discussed the following items of public business which were scheduled to be debated by the States Assembly at the meeting that was due to commence on 18th April 2023 –

**Draft Endangered Species (CITES) (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 202-** (P.8/2023)  
The Council noted that this Proposition, which had been lodged ‘*au Greffe*’ by Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade, Minister for the Environment, sought to amend the Endangered Species (CITES) (Jersey) Law 2012 (‘the Law’) by, *inter alia*, altering the definition of Appendices 1, 2 and 3 in Article 2 of the Law to refer to the corresponding Appendices to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (‘CITES’), rather than having to list the content of the Appendices in the Schedule to the Law. This would ensure that the Law always reflected the current position in the CITES.

It was recalled that CITES provided varying levels of protection for species of animal that were at risk from extinction or over exploitation;

**Channel Islands Lottery Distribution of Proceeds** (P.10/2023)  
This Proposition, which had been lodged by Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture, requested the States Assembly to agree to allocate £633,458, being the net proceeds from Jersey sale of lottery tickets in 2022, equally to the Jersey Community Foundation and the Association of Jersey Charities. It was recalled that this accorded with the provisions of Regulation 4(5) of the Gambling (Channel Islands Lottery) (Jersey) Regulations 1975.

It was noted that the proceeds allocated to the Association of Jersey Charities should only be distributed to registered charities locally and that, of the allocation to the Jersey Community Foundation, 40 per cent would be distributed to arts, culture and

heritage; 40 per cent to sports and active lifestyle and 20 per cent to applied science or research in various fields of science either locally or of direct benefit to Jersey;

**Land Transaction under Standing Order 168(3) – Andium Homes Ltd Site, Kensington Place – sale to the public: deferral of approval (P.11/2023)**

The Council of Ministers noted that this Proposition, which had been lodged by Deputy L.J. Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, requested the Minister for Infrastructure to defer the approval of the land transaction agreement, as proposed in R.33/2023, until such time as the States Assembly had considered the costs and clinical outcomes for health care provision over several sites.

The Council recalled that the Government Plan had included a new head of expenditure of £51.5 million for work on healthcare facilities during 2023, of which £16 million had been allocated for the strategic acquisition of a site in Kensington Place, which had been purchased in December 2021 by Andium Homes.

Ministers were cognisant that, under Standing Order 168(3) the Minister for Infrastructure was required to provide at least 15 working days' notice of various actions relating to transactions in land, including the acquisition, disposal, letting or rental of land on behalf of the public of Jersey. R.33/2023, which set out the intention to acquire the Andium Homes site had been presented to the Assembly on 1st March and the Proposition of Deputy Farnham had been lodged on 17th March, which was within the requisite timeframe.