

Council of Ministers

(21st Meeting)

17th September 2024**Part A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour, Minister for Health and Social Services, and Deputy S.G. Luce of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for the Environment, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy L.J. Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Chief Minister
 Connétable R. Vibert of St. Peter, Minister for Children and Families
 Connétable A.N. Jehan of St. John, Minister for Infrastructure
 Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for International
 Development

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Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for
 Sustainable Economic Development

Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier North, Minister for Justice and Home
 Affairs

Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier Central, Minister for Education and Lifelong
 Learning

Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Minister for External
 Relations

Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South, Minister for Housing

Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central, Minister for Social Security

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Deputy E.M. Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for
 Treasury and Resources

In attendance -

Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Representative of the Comité des
 Connétables

Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier Central, Assistant Chief Minister

Connétable S. Crowcroft of St. Helier, Assistant Chief Minister

Deputy R.E. Binet of Grouville and St. Martin, Assistant Minister for Health
 and Social Services

Deputy A. Howell of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Assistant Minister
 for Health and Social Services

Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Sustainable
 Economic Development

Deputy B. Ward of St. Clement, Assistant Minister for Health and Social
 Services

M. Temple K.C., H.M. Attorney General

Dr. A. McLaughlin, Interim Chief Executive and Head of the Public Service,
 Government of Jersey

L-M. Hart, Greffier of the States

T. Mourant, Private Secretary to the Chief Minister

P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Office

B. Markwell Sales, Business and Governance Officer to the Council of Ministers
H. Ford, Office of the Chief Executive
L. Ferguson, Office of the Chief Executive
S. Nibbs, Senior Secretariat Officer, States Greffe
E. Patterson, Trainee Assistant Secretariat Officer, States Greffe

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

Minutes. A1. The Minutes of the meetings of 9th August 2024, 20th August 2024 and 3rd September 2024 (Parts A and B), having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Declarations of interest A2. Declarations of interest were received from the following Ministers in respect of items discussed at the current meeting:

- Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Minister for External Relations, in connexion with Item B3, to the extent that he and his spouse were landlords of property in Jersey;
- Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Sustainable Economic Development, in connexion with Item B3, to the extent that he was a landlord of property in Jersey;
- Connétable R. Vibert of St. Peter, Minister for Children and Families, in connexion with Item B3, to the extent that he was a landlord of property in Jersey;
- Connétable S. Crowcroft of St. Helier, Assistant Chief Minister, in connexion with Item B3, to the extent that he was a landlord of property in Jersey;
- Deputy S. Mezec of St. Helier South, Minister for Housing, in connexion with Item B3, to the extent that he was a tenant of property in Jersey;
- Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Representative of the Comité des Connétables, in connexion with Item B5, to the extent that he had previously been a member of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Forthcoming business. A3. The Council discussed the following items of public business, which were scheduled to be debated by the States Assembly at the meeting on 1st October 2024.

Delivery of 3 bilingual primary schools (P.45/2024)

The Council recalled that the above proposition had been lodged '*au Greffe*' by Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache of St. Clement. Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier Central, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning, had presented comments on the proposition on 4th September 2024 which indicated that he was unable to support the same. He added that a survey on the proposition had been circulated to Headteachers and that the resulting feedback had been published on 16th September 2024.

The published feedback was overwhelmingly against the proposition. All 21 Headteachers who had responded to the survey had objected to establishing 3 bilingual primary schools. Ministers were reminded that there was nothing to prevent any individual Headteacher, who wished to progress such a proposal from presenting a business case to the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning.

Nationality Acts: Extension to Jersey (P.55 / 2024)

The Council recalled that the above proposition had been lodged by the Chief Minister and that the States Assembly would be asked to consent to the extension of various provisions concerning British citizenship. These were contained in the Acts and subordinate legislation of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, as set out in the appendices to the proposition. The Council concluded that it was minded to support the proposition, which was due for debate on 1st October 2024.