

Council of Ministers

(40th Meeting)

26th September 2023

Part A (Non-Exempt)

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North, Minister for Children and Education and Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf of St. Saviour, Minister for External Relations, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Chief Minister
 Connétable R. Vibert of St. Peter, Assistant Minister for Children and Education (in lieu of the Minister)
 Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for International Development
 Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (not present for part of item B3)
 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 H.M. Miles of St. Brelade, Minister for Home Affairs
 Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade, Minister for the Environment
 Deputy M.E. Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Social Security
 Deputy T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour, Minister for Infrastructure
 Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement, Minister for Health and Social Services

In attendance -

Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, representative of the Comité des Connétables
 Connétable A.N. Jehan of St. John, Assistant Chief Minister
 Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Assistant Chief Minister
 Dr. A. McLaughlin, Interim Chief Executive and Head of the Public Service, Government of Jersey
 M.H. Temple, K.C., H.M. Attorney General
 L.-M. Hart, Greffier of the States
 A. Scate, Chief Officer, Infrastructure and Environment Department (for item B4 only)
 C. Madden, Chief of Staff (for item B1 only)
 S. O'Regan, Group Director of Education, Children, Young People, Education and Skills Department (for item B3 only)
 S. Duhamel, Director, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department (for items A2 and B2 only)
 M. Grimley, Chief People and Transformation Officer, People, Policy and Digital, Cabinet Office (for part of items A2 and B2 only)
 M. Gavet, Head of Risk, Treasury and Exchequer (for item B1 only)
 C. Lucas, Team Manager, System Redesign and Commissioning, Children, Young People, Education and Skills Department (for item B3 only)

P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Office
S. Wade, on secondment to the Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance
Department from the United Kingdom civil service (for a time)
K.L. Slack, Secretariat Officer, States Greffe

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

Our Stars
awards.

A1. The Council of Ministers noted that the *Jersey Evening Post* of 26th September 2023 included an article relating to the public sector Our Stars Awards. The event had been attended by several Ministers and there had been in excess of 1,700 nominations. It was agreed that all nominees could be very proud of themselves and the wide breadth of services provided by Government was noted.

Forthcoming
business.

A2. The Council of Ministers discussed the following items of public business which were due to be debated by the States Assembly at the meeting that was scheduled to commence on 3rd October 2023 –

Draft Register of Names and Addresses (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 202- (P.56/2023)

The Council agreed to support this Proposition, which had been lodged by the Chief Minister and would amend the Register of Names and Addresses (Jersey) Law 2012 to permit the Chief Minister to supply certain information about Jersey residents from the register of names and addresses to credit reference agencies with a view to resolving the current issues that some Islanders were facing in accessing credit card services. The information would be gleaned from a system entitled *Populus*, which collated the data from a register maintained by the Customer and Local Services Department and information provided online by people registering to move to the Island;

Draft Employment (Amendment No. 14) (Jersey) Law 202- (P.62/2023)

It was recalled that the United Kingdom had introduced ‘Jack’s Law’ in 2020 to guarantee working parents time off following the death of a child. Deputy S.M. Ahier of St. Helier North had brought forward a Proposition (P.70/2021 referred) to introduce similar rights locally and this had been adopted by the States Assembly. The current Proposition would make changes to the Employment (Jersey) Law 2003 to provide for statutory unpaid leave entitlement of 2 weeks following the death of a child under the age of 18 years. The leave could be taken in up to 3 separate periods up to 56 weeks from the date of death. It was noted that Deputy Ahier and the relevant Scrutiny Panel were supportive of the Proposition.

Welcome –
officer from
the United
Kingdom Civil
Service Fast
Stream.

A3. The Council of Ministers welcomed a participant in the United Kingdom (‘UK’) Civil Service Fast Stream to part of the meeting and was informed that he had been in the Island for a period of 6 months on secondment working with the Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department. It was noted that he had been working with officers from the Justice and Home Affairs Department on the criminal injuries compensation scheme.

Ministers expressed the hope that he had enjoyed his time in Jersey and suggested that there should be more opportunities for such exchanges between the UK Civil Service and Jersey Government.