

Council of Ministers

(38th Meeting)

4th March 2025**Part A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present.

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  
 Deputy S.G. Luce of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for the Environment  
 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 (for item A4, part of item B2 and items B3-B5 only)  
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South, Minister for Housing  
 Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central, Minister for Social Security  
 Deputy M.E. Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Treasury and Resources  
 Deputy T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour, Minister for Health and Social Services (for items A3-A4 and B1-B5 only)

In attendance -

Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Representative of the Comité des Connétables  
 Deputy M.R. Ferey of St. Saviour, Assistant Chief Minister  
 Deputy B. Ward of St. Clement, 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 (for items A3-A4, B1 and B3-B5 only)  
 L.-M. Hart, Greffier of the States  
 Dr. A. McLaughlin, Chief Executive and Head of the Public Service, Government of Jersey  
 M. Jowitt K.C., H.M. Solicitor General  
 R. Corrigan, Chief Officer, Department for the Economy (for item B5 only)  
 R. Summersgill, Comptroller of Revenue, Treasury and Exchequer (for item B2 only)  
 Dr. L. Magris, Director for Housing, Environment and Placemaking, Cabinet Office (for part of items A3 and B1 only)  
 J. Lancaster-Adlam, Associate Director of Education, Children, Young People, Education and Skills Department (for item B4 only)  
 V. Bisson, Service Manager for Vulnerable Children, Children, Young People, Education and Skills Department (for item B4 only)

H. Morgan, Senior Specialist Officer, Treasury and Exchequer (for item B2 only)  
S. Perez, Head of Office, Cabinet Office (for item B3 only)  
P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Office  
B. Markwell-Sales, Business and Governance Officer to the Council of Ministers  
K.L. Slack, Senior Secretariat Officer, States Greffe

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

- Minutes. A1. The Minutes of the meeting of 11th February 2025 (Parts A and B), having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed, subject to a minor change to Minute No. B3, whereby reference to ‘the Government Plan’ was replaced with ‘the Budget’.
- Declarations of interest. A2. A declaration of interest was received from Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Sustainable Economic Development, in connexion with item No. B2 of the current meeting, to the extent that she had a close family member who was the Executive Chair of a business that imported a range of products to the Island, including vapes. Deputy Scott did not participate in the discussion of that agenda item.
- Forthcoming business. A3. The Council discussed the following items of public business, which were scheduled to be considered at the meeting of the States Assembly on 18th March 2025 –
- Promotion of Political Education (P.1/2025)  
It was noted that the Privileges and Procedures Committee had recommended that the States Assembly should reject this proposition of Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North, on the basis that the work requested in the proposition was already underway. The Council was mindful that it did not generally present comments on matters relating to parliamentary business;
- Re-instatement of Senators (P.2/2025)  
Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South, Minister for Housing informed the Council that he intended to lodge an amendment to this proposition of Deputy M.E. Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, which would request the establishment of an independent boundaries commission to determine the appropriate distribution of Deputies; and
- Draft Shipping (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.4/2025)  
The Council was informed that the intention of the draft amendment law was, *inter alia*, to expand the definition of ‘ship’ or ‘vessel’ within the Shipping (Jersey) Law 2002 to include smaller watercraft, such as jet skis and small speed boats, with the aim of making Jersey’s waters safer.
- Matters arising. A4. It was noted that the briefing from the Acting Director of Communications on the 2025 annual communications plan would be deferred to a future meeting of the Council.