

Council of Ministers

(35th Meeting)

7th January 2025**Part A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of 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 and Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Minister for External Relations, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy L.J. Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Chief Minister (for items A1-A2, B1-B2 and part of items B3 and B4 only)

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

Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central, Minister for Social Security (for items B2-B4 only)

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

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

Deputy M.R. Ferey of St. Saviour, Assistant Chief Minister

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

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

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

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

L.-M. Hart, Greffier of the States

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

A. Scate, Chief Officer, Infrastructure and Environment Department (for items B2-B3 only)

K. Briden, Chief Officer, Justice and Home Affairs Department (for item B3 only)

R. Corrigan, Chief Officer, Department for the Economy (for item B4 only)

A. Hacquoil, Group Director - Strategic Finance, Treasury and Exchequer (for item B3 only)

S. Duhamel, Director, Cabinet Office (for part of items A2 and B1 only)  
H. Harvey, Head of Local Economy, Department for the Economy (for item B4 only)  
C. Howe, Senior Officer, Retail and Visitor Economy, Department for the Economy (for item B4 only)  
T. Mourant, Private Secretary to the Chief Minister  
K.L. Slack, Senior Secretariat Officer, States Greffe

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

Declarations of interest

A1. No declarations of interest were received from Ministers in connexion with any of the items discussed at the current meeting.

Forthcoming business.

A2. The Council discussed the following items of forthcoming business, which were scheduled to be considered at the meetings on 21st January and 4th February 2025 –

Modern Languages in Schools (P.74/2024)

The Council recalled that Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier Central, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning, had proposed an amendment to this proposition of Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade. The amendment sought to clarify aspects of the original proposition, ensure that consultation was undertaken with the Jersey Curriculum Council, amend certain timelines and ensure proper consideration of any resource implications. The Council signalled its support for the Minister's amendment; and

Selection of Elected Member to Preside at States Meetings (P.86/2024)

With respect to this Proposition of Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Mrs. L.-M. Hart, Greffier of the States, reminded the Council that, by convention, in the absence of the Bailiff or Deputy Bailiff in the States Assembly, the Greffier or Deputy Greffier was asked to preside over the Assembly. However, the *vires* existed under Article 3(2) of the States of Jersey Law 2005 for the Bailiff to appoint an elected Member of the States of Jersey to preside. Should this Proposition be adopted, the Greffier or Deputy Greffier would only preside if the Bailiff, Deputy Bailiff and an elected member selected by the Bailiff were unavailable.