

Minutes of the Meeting of Executive Council held on Tuesday, 18th September 2018 at
9:30am in the Council Chamber

Present: Her Excellency the Governor (Mrs L Honan)
The Hon Chief Secretary (Mrs S O'Bey)
The Hon Financial Secretary (Mr D L Richards)
The Hon Attorney General (Mrs S O'Donnell)
The Hon A A Green
The Hon L A Henry
The Hon C L Scipio O'Dean
The Hon D F Thomas
The Hon R K Yon

In Attendance: Acting Clerk of Councils (Miss A R Legg)
Head of Corporate Support (Mrs C A George)

OPEN SESSION

34.1 Welcome

The Governor welcomed all to the meeting. No members of the public were present.

34.2 Confirmation of Open Session Minutes of 4 September 2018

The open session minutes of 4th September 2018 were confirmed.

34.3 Matters Arising from the Open Session Minutes

34.3.1 (33.4) The Legislative Council (Remuneration and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2018

The Chief Secretary agreed the report by the Independent Body regarding the above Bill, could be placed in the public domain.

(Action: Hon Chief Secretary)

34.3.2 (33.7.1) Increase in the Minimum Income Standard for the Up-rating of Income Related Benefits and Basic Island Pension 2018

The Financial Secretary reported that the MIS price collection in August had taken place. The review was on-going and the **Social & Community Development Committee was awaiting recommendations.**

(Action: Hon Financial Secretary / Hon Anthony Green)

34.3.3 (33.7.2) Matters Arising from the 2016/17 SHG Financial Statements Audit

The Attorney General advised that work relating to the definition of ‘close of accounts’ was still pending.

(Action: Hon Attorney General)

34.3.4 (33.7.3) Pharmacists (Qualifications) Regulations, 2018

The Chairman of the Public Health Committee reported this item had been discussed in committee and was currently work in progress.

(Action: Hon Derek Thomas)

34.3.5 (33.7.4) Protocols for Recording Executive Council

Elected Members advised the draft protocol to outline rules and procedures for the recording of Executive Council and Council Committee meetings, was still to be discussed in Informal LegCo, with assistance from the Attorney General’s Chambers.

(Action: Hon Elected Members / Hon Attorney General)

34.3.6 (33.7.5) Guidelines for Executive Council

The Chief Secretary advised the revised guide for the operations of Executive Council was now ready to be presented to Chairpersons Assembly.

(Action: Hon Chief Secretary)

34.3.7 (33.7.6) Legislation Changes

The Attorney General advised that work on the document outlining clear guidelines for fast tracking legislation was on-going.

(Action: Hon Attorney General)

34.3.8 (33.7.7) Telecommunications (Amendment) Regulations, 2018

The Financial Secretary advised he hoped this matter would be completed this week i.e. checking whether or not the ECCC minutes recorded that SHG would expect to see a decrease in Internet charges, once the sub marine cable is laid and associated infrastructure in place.

(Action: Hon Financial Secretary)

34.3.9 (33.7.9) Medical Services Overseas (MSO) Contract

The Chairman of the Public Health Committee advised that the review on the MSO contract was currently being progressed but was awaiting input from the Procurement Advisor, Mr Marc Lockley, on his return from overseas.

(Action: Hon Derek Thomas)

34.3.10 (33.7.10) Social Impact Assessment (SIA) of the MOU

The Chief Secretary confirmed she had received comments on the draft SIA however there were a few areas that required further work. ExCo was of the view that the final report should be published.

(Action: Hon Chief Secretary)