

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES
COMMITTEE BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2016**

Question

Would the Chairman advise whether the Committee monitors the status of propositions previously approved by the Assembly and explain what the consequences are if an approved proposition is either ignored or if its effect is diluted upon implementation, and would he state how many propositions currently fall within those descriptions?

Answer

The Privileges and Procedures Committee does not presently monitor the status of those propositions which seek action to be taken by a Minister or Department, other than those which apply to itself. The Committee considers that it is up to the Minister and Department concerned to ensure that any requests which are agreed by the Assembly are actioned as soon as practicable and for the Member who brought the proposition to track the progress.

Members can and do regularly ask for updates during question time on matters approved by the Assembly and which a Minister has given an undertaking to address. It should be noted Standing Orders do not provide that Ministers can be directed or required to take any action and propositions are worded so that the Assembly simply 'requests' that a matter be considered. It is therefore not possible to state how many propositions are still 'outstanding' or have been 'diluted'.