

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT AMENDMENT (No. 2) OF THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE STATES OF JERSEY (P.244/2005): COMMENTS

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by the Privileges and Procedures Committee**

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COMMENTS

Amendment 1

PPC accepts this amendment which would ensure that an accurate description of land owned is given and would also ensure that land jointly owned by a member with someone other than his or her spouse/cohabitee would need to be declared (The Committee would remind members that 'land' includes houses and other buildings under the Interpretation (Jersey) Law 1954).

Amendment 2

Although PPC supports the principle behind this amendment it does not accept it as it considers that it is too far-reaching as put forward. It could be very difficult for members to comply with the requirement to declare 'prospective' ownership of land. Although members may know with some certainty that land belonging to, for example, their parents is due to be left to them they may not be aware whether land might be left to them at a later date by other relatives and it could be almost impossible to comply with the requirement.

Amendment 3

PPC supports the underlying principle referred to in this amendment but, even though it has been changed since the version presented as an amendment to P.162/2005, PPC remains concerned that the requirement is very widely drawn. The requirement as proposed would force members to declare membership of any organisations whether or not that membership could have any influence on a member's conduct as a States member. In addition, it would require a declaration in relation to organisations where membership would normally remain confidential such as Alcoholics Anonymous or the Samaritans. PPC consider that the amendment will require further refinement before it could be accepted.