WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 17th JULY 2012

Question

Will the Privileges and Procedures Committee provide a list of the following information from 2005 to date:

- (i) the number of questions to Ministers (oral, written and with or without notice excluding supplementaries) asked by each category of States Member (Deputies, Senators and Constables) and
- (ii) the number of propositions/amendment lodged by each type of States Member?

Answer

Collating the answers to this question would take many hours of work and this cannot be achieved before the deadline applicable to the 17th July meeting. The limited resources available to the Privileges and Procedures Committee are already heavily committed to several vital reviews on matters including public elections legislation, machinery of government reform and Standing Orders.

Moreover, the source data required to collate the information sought is already in the public domain. Available sources include the Minutes of the States Assembly and the Official Report ('Hansard'). Relevant supplementary information can also be found within the States Assembly Annual Reports for 2005 – 2011 inclusive. All of these can be accessed via the website www.statesassembly.gov.je or via the States Assembly Information Centre in Morier House.

The Chairman will be seeking the views of the Committee at its next scheduled meeting as to whether the staff resources that answering this question will require can be justified.