

STATES OF JERSEY



AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS – MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT SUB- COMMITTEE

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PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion to make the following amendment to the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey, with effect from 22nd June 2022 –

Standing Order 128 [Privileges and Procedures Committee: terms of reference]

In paragraph (i), after the words “to the States” insert the words –

“;

- (j) to appoint a Sub-Committee, comprising at least two members of the States who are ministers or assistant ministers, and at least two members of the States who are not ministers or assistant ministers, to:
- keep under review the machinery of government;
 - follow up on the implementation of the recommendations of previous reviews of machinery of government; and
 - report its findings and recommendations to the Privileges and Procedures Committee from time to time, in order for its report to be presented to the States”.

SENATOR T.A. VALLOIS

REPORT

I am bringing forward this amendment to Standing Orders in order to make it mandatory that a Sub-Committee is established by the Privileges and Procedures Committee to keep under review the machinery of government.

There have been a number of changes to Jersey's system of government since 1998. The system, and how it works, has been a recurring topic of conversation amongst Members, particularly since the ministerial system was introduced in 2005.

Although the ministerial system has now been in operation for 17 years, views expressed during the Democratic Accountability and Governance Sub-Committee's review were varied as to whether the system is right for Jersey or whether improvements to its structure could be made.

During the debate on a proposition lodged by Deputy John Young ([Ministerial Government: Review](#)), there was a general consensus amongst Members that a review should be undertaken in order to consider Jersey's machinery of government and its governance arrangements. I believe that there should be a standing Sub-Committee of PPC as it would ensure that a direct avenue was available to Members to raise concerns and suggest areas for improvement in each term.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no additional financial or manpower implications for the States arising from the adoption of these draft Regulations.