

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(15th Meeting)

5th June 2006

(Business conducted by telephone)

PART A

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy G.C.L. Baudains, from whom apologies had been received.

Connétable D.F. Gray of St. Clement - Chairman
 Senator S. Syvret
 Senator M.E. Vibert
 Connétable K.A. Le Brun of St. Mary
 Deputy C.H. Egré
 Deputy J. Gallichan

In attendance -

Miss P. Horton, Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A only.

Social Affairs
 Scrutiny Panel:
 division to create
 a fifth scrutiny
 panel (P.64/2006)
 - Comment.
 516(1)

A1. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A9 of 31st May 2006, considered its response to P.64/2006 entitled 'Social Affairs Scrutiny Panel: division to create a fifth scrutiny panel' which had been lodged 'au Greffe' by the Chairmen's Committee on 26th May 2006, and was due to be debated on 18th July 2006.

The Committee decided to comment as follows -

'The Privileges and Procedures Committee is happy to carry out the requirements in this proposition, however the Committee believes that the creation of a fifth panel will be entirely dependent on the approval of the necessary funding for 2007 and beyond in the Annual Business Plan. As a result the Committee does not believe that the necessary amendments to Standing Orders to give effect to the proposal should come into force until after the debate on the Annual Business Plan has been completed and additional funding agreed by the States.'

The Committee would stress that there is no scope within the existing budget of the States Assembly and its services to meet the cost of a fifth Panel and additional funding would need to be found, either by reprioritising other areas of States' expenditure or by increasing overall expenditure, if this proposition is adopted.'

The Greffier of the States was requested to arrange for the Committee's comments to be presented for consideration by the States on 18th July 2006.

States Assembly
 Budget 2007.
 422/10/1(80)

A2. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A4 of 3rd May 2006, received and considered a draft narrative to accompany the 2007-2009 States Assembly Budget figures to be included in the forthcoming budget book.

The Committee was advised that the budget was presented under the title 'States Assembly and its Services' as it appeared in the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005. The narrative provided for the higher level aims and objectives to be delivered under the States Assembly budget and supported the 2007 cash limit intimated by the Council of Ministers, including all efficiency savings and other adjustments. The Committee recalled that it had already approved its 2007 cash limit and the Deputy Chairman had, under the Committee's authority, approved the final budget details in accordance with this agreed cash limit.

The Committee approved the draft narrative and the Assistant Greffier of the States was requested to take the necessary action.