

# **STATES OF JERSEY**



## **FINANCIAL AND MANPOWER STATEMENTS IN PROPOSITIONS: REVISED PROCEDURES**

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**Lodged au Greffe on 30th June 2010  
by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier**

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**STATES GREFFE**

## **PROPOSITION**

### **THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –**

- (a) to agree that the current procedures in Standing Order 21 relating to the requirement to include a statement of financial and manpower implications in any proposition or amendment before it can be lodged 'au Greffe' should be amended, and that under the revised procedures –
  - (i) any member of the States lodging a proposition should be able, as at present, to insert a complete financial and manpower statement in the proposition at the time of lodging but should also be able, as an alternative, if he or she feels it appropriate, to insert a statement specifying that information on the financial and manpower implications has been requested from the relevant Minister or Ministers but is not yet available and will be circulated as soon as it is available;
  - (ii) the information so requested should be circulated by the Greffier of the States as an Addendum to the proposition once the member concerned has received it and forwarded it to the Greffier;
  - (iii) any Minister requested in writing to provide information on financial or manpower implications by a member shall do so within 7 days;
- (b) to request the Privileges and Procedures Committee to bring forward for approval the necessary amendments to Standing Orders to give effect to the decision.

DEPUTY P.V.F. LE CLAIRE OF ST. HELIER

## **REPORT**

I believe that the way the current Standing Orders are drafted act as an unnecessary block and impediment to backbench members of the States. I have in the past had cause to lodge a proposition which was delayed due to the information becoming available. It meant that a series of amendments that I was proposing was split because another member had lodged a proposition coming by the information via a different route than the one I was told I had to go through. In the arrangement of Public Business at the end of the Sitting of 22nd June 2010, the Minister for Planning and Environment stated a proposal that Comments were delayed in respect of a Proposition because his officers did not know they were meant to issue any.

It is therefore in my opinion better that we can lodge the propositions we want to before they are negated by events and that we are afforded the opportunity of bringing the issues to the public expediently as possible whilst accepting comments on costs, etc. will follow. I believe changes are necessary.

### **Financial and manpower implications**

I believe that there will be no financial or manpower implications for the States arising out of these amendments to Standing Orders.