

MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT: FREEDOM OF REPRESENTATION (P.142/2002) - AMENDMENT

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In paragraph (a) of the proposition after the words 'au Greffe' insert the words -

“except that all members of the Council of Ministers shall be bound by any rules on collective responsibility which may be agreed by the States”.

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Report

The Policy and Resources Committee has already said in its comments on 'Machinery of Government: Freedom of Representation' (P.25/2002) that, in its view, ministerial government will not work without a measure of collective responsibility.

The Policy and Resources Committee has prepared a report and proposition on the functioning of the Executive under the new system of government as approved by the States. This report and proposition includes a section that will ask the States to approve basic rules and exemptions that will apply in relation to collective responsibility and, in the event of the States approving those rules, it would not be appropriate for the present proposition to override them.

This amendment, if approved, will ensure that whatever rules are eventually approved by the States regarding collective responsibility, will be applied without impediment.

There are no financial or manpower implications arising from this amendment.