

# Public Accounts Committee

## Record of Meeting

Date: 18th August 2017

Present	Connétable A.S. Crowcroft, Vice- Chairman (Acting Chairman) Deputy J.A. Martin Connétable C.H. Taylor Mr M. Robinson
Apologies	Mr R. Parker Mr G. Drinkwater
In attendance	Mr. S. Warren, Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General (via telephone) C. Tomlinson, PAC Officer Mr M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer.

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512/1(1)	<p><b>1. PAC Chairman</b></p> <p>The Committee recalled that the Chairman, Deputy A.D. Lewis, had stepped aside from the PAC until such time as the outcome of the Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC) process.</p> <p>The Committee noted that the PPC was unanimous in finding that the Chairman breached the Code of Conduct for States Members, in misleading the States Assembly in 2008 and not, at the earliest opportunity, seeking to rectify the situation. However, the PPC had been divided on whether he had breached the Code in respect of lying to the Assembly in 2008, and subsequently to the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry in 2017.</p> <p>The Committee noted that a Vote of Censure had been lodged <i>au Greffe</i>, to be debated at the next States Assembly sitting of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017.</p> <p>The Committee then considered options available to it, namely to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask the Chairman to resign;</li> <li>Resign as members of the PAC;</li> <li>Await the outcome of the Vote of Censure;</li> <li>Invite the Chairman to resume his Chairmanship.</li> </ol> <p>The Committee was unanimous in agreeing it did not need to invite the PAC Chairman to address this meeting as it was well aware of his position.</p> <p>With the exception of Deputy J.A. Martin, it agreed to await the outcome of the Vote of Censure, and if that vote was carried, it would expect Deputy A.D. Lewis to make a personal statement of apology to the Assembly and resign. Deputy J.A Martin advised that she no longer had confidence in the Chairman and would</p>	CT

	resign from the PAC with immediate effect, unless the Chairman tendered his resignation within the next few days.	
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Acting Chairman  
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