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Sir Timothy Le Cocq

Bailiff of Jersey,
President of the States



I am pleased to have been asked by the Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee to contribute a Foreword to this Annual Report of the States Assembly.

Last year's foreword focused on the enormous amount of change we had seen; not just in the Assembly's membership following the elections, but also in a number of key office holders. In addition we experienced the loss of Her Late Majesty the Queen and the accession of The King to the throne.

2023 by contrast saw a return to 'business as usual'. The year following an election is always a busy one as Ministers and Assistant Ministers get to grips with their new portfolios and members of Scrutiny Panels familiarise themselves with their new roles. This does not always translate to activity which is visible to the public, but from the statistics compiled we can see that although the amount of time spent in the Chamber was lower than previous years, Members used that time effectively to question Ministers with double the number of oral questions posed than the previous year and the highest number of written questions submitted since 2019.

Members represented the Island at a wealth of interparliamentary events organised by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and via the Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie. Both

organisations provided opportunities for Members to share experiences and knowledge with colleagues from across the globe. It is of vital importance that as an Island we remain outward facing and welcome ideas from other places, whilst inspiring others with details of our own successful initiatives.

We paid tribute to four former Members who passed away during the course of 2023. Whether a one or two term Deputy, as in the case of Hugh Raymond and Jean Falle, or serving 5 consecutive terms as Derek Maltwood and Robin Rumboll both did in the 80's and 90's, all four made their mark during their time in the Assembly and our gratitude for their service is noted again here.

The content of this Report reflects the enormous amount of hard work undertaken by all States Members during 2023 and also those who support them in that work. I would like to pay tribute to the Deputy Bailiff, the Law Officers, the Viscount and the Dean for their work in and around the States Assembly.

I have no hesitation in once again making a special mention of our Greffier, Deputy Greffier, and all of the staff at the States Greffe who have provided consistently high-quality support throughout the year. Without their professionalism and commitment the Assembly could not achieve what it does. We all owe them a particular debt of gratitude. I also thank the ushers for their service during States meetings.

Connétable Karen Shenton-Stone

Chair, Privileges and Procedures Committee



I am very pleased to be able to present the 2023 States Assembly Annual Report to the States on behalf of the Privileges and Procedures Committee. In my Introduction last year, I drew attention to the fact that 2022 had been dominated by the elections. Whilst the first year after an election is traditionally quieter than the other 2 years in the 4-year electoral cycle, the Assembly held 33 meetings in 2024.

Although we debated fewer matters in the Chamber, the amount of time dedicated to oral questions with and without notice was comparable to previous years, demonstrating that Members remained alert to holding Ministers to account.

Scrutiny produced 4 Review Reports across the year, as well as a number of comments on propositions and amendments to various propositions ensuring that Government decisions across a range of policy areas were robustly examined and colleagues held accountable for their decisions. The Reviews covered Income Support Benefit repayments, the new Healthcare Facilities Programme, Work Permit Holder Welfare and a major review of the Government Plan 2024-2027.

As 2023 drew to a close, the Assembly held its longest debate when it considered the Government Plan 2024-2027. Over 4 days during the final meeting of the year we debated some 33 amendments to agree a budget for the Island's future infrastructure and service delivery.

Our new Pan-Island Commissioner for Standards, Dr. Melissa McCullough, took up her role in March 2023 and during the year she provided 4 findings Reports to PPC regarding alleged contraventions of the Code of Conduct, 3 of which the Committee concluded had constituted breaches.

The Remuneration Review process, which had been agreed as the new system for setting States Members' pay, was undertaken in 2023 and the Reviewer, Jennifer Long, considered some 73 responses during the consultation phase. In her Report, which was published in October 2023, she made a number of recommendations, all of which were accepted by the Assembly and included agreement that from now on there would be an annual increase in Members salary in line with the Average Earnings Index.

As part of ongoing support for Members, the States Greffe launched a bespoke training programme, developed by the Resolution Centre in conjunction with Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh. The role of a States Member is quite eclectic and having specialised training which focusses on some of the key skills needed to be more effective can only enhance the level of representation within the Assembly. I was delighted that in June 2023 new offices facilities were made available to Members at 23 Hill Street which ensures that all Members can have access to a dedicated workspace close to the Chamber.

You will see from this Report that there is a wealth of activity which goes on in the weeks in between States meetings, although our time in the States Chamber is perhaps the most visible aspect of our work. States Members are incredibly busy 'behind the scenes' and the public engagement work undertaken by the States Greffe, especially during Democracy Week, to showcase all aspects of the Assembly's activity is to be welcomed. It is hoped that this will encourage Islanders to take a greater interest in the work of the Assembly and ultimately lead to an upturn in voting numbers at future elections.

Purpose and Context

The States Assembly is Jersey's elected parliament. It is responsible for:

- approving new Laws and Regulations for Jersey in its role as the Island's legislature;
- approving the amount of public money to be spent by the States and Government of Jersey each year;
- approving the introduction of new taxes and the amount of taxation to be raised each year;
- appointing the Council of Ministers (the Government of Jersey) and holding the Government to account; and
- debating matters of significant public interest and policy proposals brought forward by the Government of Jersey or individual States Members.

In addition, the Assembly appoints a number of bodies from amongst its Members to undertake some of its functions; in particular, the Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC), the Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) – the latter two of which collectively hold Ministers and Government officials to account respectively.

The Assembly is constituted in accordance with the States of Jersey Law 2005 and its proceedings are governed by the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey. The management of the Island's public finances, including the Assembly's role in approving expenditure and taxation, is set out in the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019.





Membership

Since the elections of June 2022, the States Assembly has comprised 12 Connétables (or Constables), each of whom represents one of the Island's 12 Parishes, and 37 Deputies who are elected from the 9 multi-member constituencies into which the Island is divided.

A full list of the membership in 2023 is provided in Appendix 1. There were no changes during the course of the year. Appendix 2 provides demographic data in respect of the elected membership during the year, from which the following are headlines:

- 21 of the elected Members (42.9%) were female; 28 were male. This represents the highest number of female Members there has ever been in the Assembly but the balance between the genders is still not yet 50:50.
- The average age of elected Members at the start of the year was 56.41.
- 12 of the elected Members belonged to a registered

political party, the remaining 37 having been elected on an independent basis. Of the 12 Members affiliated to a party, 10 belonged to Reform Jersey and 2 to the Jersey Liberal Conservatives.

In addition to the elected membership, the Assembly comprises 5 non-elected members, all of whom have the right to address the Assembly but none of whom have the right to vote on the propositions that are debated. The non-elected members are the Bailiff (as President of the States), His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the Dean, HM Attorney General and HM Solicitor General. The Deputy Bailiff presides over the Assembly and deputises in Assembly matters in the Bailiff's absence.

The principal Officers of the States Assembly are the Greffier of the States and the Deputy Greffier of the States, who act as Clerk and Clerk-Assistant to the Assembly. The work of the Assembly, its Committees and Panels and elected Members (when operating in an independent capacity) is supported by the States Greffe, headed by the Greffier. The Viscount is the Executive Officer of the Assembly.

Performance and Activity

Appendices 3 and 4 provide statistics that detail the Assembly's proceedings during 2023. The total number of meeting days during the year was 33, of which only 1 was held for ceremonial reasons (the Liberation Day meeting).

Within the year, the Assembly spent 67% of its meeting time debating propositions within Public Business. 105 propositions were lodged during the year and the number of propositions explicitly debated was 91, which was lower in each case than any of the 4 previous years of 2019 to 2022. Amongst the propositions debated, 10

were draft Laws and 23 were draft Regulations; 6 related to Government or Ministerial policy; and 35 came from Members acting independently (they had been lodged by an elected Member in their own name).

The number of oral questions submitted with notice was 248, which was double the number that had been submitted in 2022 (albeit 2022 had been an election year with fewer opportunities to submit such questions) and higher than the number for 2021. The number of written questions submitted during the year was 487, which was the highest number since 2019.

Significant Debates

As in previous years, the longest debate during the year was for the 'Government Plan 2024–2027' (P.72/2023), lodged by the Council of Ministers and debated over 4 days in December 2023. 33 amendments to the Plan from independent Members and Scrutiny Panels were considered, of which 16 were adopted. In agreeing the Government Plan, the Assembly approved proposals and limits for both States income and States expenditure as well as capital expenditure on Government projects.

Further policy proposals from the Government were also considered: on 18 July 2023, the Assembly adopted 'La Collette Waste Management Site – Development Plan' (P.17/2023) that had been lodged by the Minister for Infrastructure. Whilst earlier in the year, on 23 May 2023, the Assembly had agreed to the proposition of the Minister for Health and Social Services to establish a 'Health and Community Services Interim Board' (P.19/2023). On 12 December 2023, the Assembly adopted 'Appointment of the Commissioner for Children and Young People' (P.96/2023) that had been lodged by the Chief Minister.

One of the primary functions of the Assembly is to consider and approve legislation for Jersey, and a number of legislative items were discussed by the Assembly during the year. Amongst the more significant

items discussed were the 'Draft Endangered Species (CITES) (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 202-' (P.8/2023), lodged by the Minister for the Environment and adopted on 18 April 2023; and the 'Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202-' (P.40/2023), lodged by the same Minister and adopted on 28 November 2023 following a referral to the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel. On 14 June 2023, Members adopted the 'Draft Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Law 2022 (Appointed Day) Act 202-' (P.23/2023), thereby bringing the Law into force.

Following the accession of King Charles III in September 2022 upon the death of the late Queen Elizabeth II, 2023 saw the Coronation of the new Monarch on 7 May 2023. To mark the occasion, the Assembly adopted the 'Draft Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (amendment – Coronation) (Jersey) Act 202-' (P.1/2023) on 7th February 2023 to specify that 10 May 2023 would be a public holiday in Jersey.

A key part of Jersey's parliamentary system is that individual Members are able to bring their own propositions to the Assembly and see them debated. There were several examples of this during 2023.

On 1 March 2023, Deputy Max Andrews saw his proposition, 'Trainee Minimum Wage' (P.5/2023),

adopted by the Assembly. ‘Regulation of Estate Agents’ (P.13/2023), a proposition from the same Deputy, was adopted, following amendment, on 19 April 2023. The Assembly’s consideration turned to international affairs when prompted by some propositions from independent Members. On 1 March 2023, the Assembly adopted, following amendment, the proposition of Deputy Sam Mézec entitled ‘Assembly consideration of the Bilateral Treaty with the UAE’ (P.6/2023). On 15 June 2023, the Assembly adopted Deputy Lyndon Farnham’s proposition ‘The Grindadráp Festival in the Faroe Islands – condemnation of the hunting of sea mammals’ (P.35/2023).

Deputy Farnham also saw the adoption of his proposition, ‘Negotiation of purchase for the site of the Seaside Café, Grève de Lecq’ (P.53/2023), on 19 July 2023; but the Deputy’s later proposition, ‘Funding for the Jersey Reds’ (P.78/2023), was rejected on 4 October 2023. Deputy Steve Luce, meanwhile, saw the successful adoption on 7 November 2023 of ‘Increase in revenue expenditure for agriculture and fisheries’ (P.74/2023).

Deputy Raluca Kovacs saw two parts of her proposition, ‘Development Levies’ (P.14/2023), adopted on 18 April 2023. And the same Deputy saw the successful adoption of her proposition, ‘Financial support for parents of babies needing additional neonatal care’ (P.52/2023), on 19 July 2023. ‘Jersey Homes Trust rent increase – assistance scheme’ (P.15/2023), a proposition from Deputy Geoff Southern, was rejected, however, on 19 April 2023. The proposition ‘Provision of a free hopper bus service for Active card holders to Springfield

stadium’ (P.33/2023) from Deputy Rob Ward was also rejected by the Assembly on 14 June 2023; but that same day the first two parts of ‘Provision of carpets in Andium Homes properties’ (P.34/2023), lodged by the same Deputy, were adopted by the Assembly.

On 18 July 2023, Members voted for the proposition of Deputy Carina Alves, ‘Whistleblowing – introduction of legislation’ (P.47/2023); but the following day they rejected ‘Supplementary Planning Guidance – Parking Strategy’ (P.50/2023), lodged by Connétable Simon Crowcroft. On 3 October 2023, Members adopted ‘Extension of Cold Weather Bonus’ (P.64/2023) that had been lodged by Deputy Beatriz Porée; whilst earlier in the year, on 12 September 2023, Deputy Catherine Curtis had seen the adoption of her proposition, ‘Reinstate the re-use centre at La Collette’ (P.65/2023), as amended.

In recent years, States Assembly time had been dominated by a few key topics: Brexit, the Covid-19 Pandemic and electoral reform. Neither of the first two topics required much attention in 2023 but there was a debate about electoral reform. Deputy Moz Scott’s proposition, ‘Reform of the composition of the States Assembly’ (P.76/2023) was defeated, however, on 29 November 2023.

A significant debate politically occurred on 1 March 2023 when Members adopted the proposition of Deputy Sir Philip Bailhache entitled ‘Vote of No Confidence – Chair of the Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel’ (P.7/2023). Whilst on 12 September 2023, the Assembly adopted ‘Vote of Censure: Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North’ (P.66/2023), brought by the Privileges and Procedures Committee.



International Outreach

The States Assembly's status as Jersey's elected parliament provides both the institution and its Members with opportunities to connect with parliaments and parliamentarians in other jurisdictions. Given Jersey's membership of the Commonwealth and the fact that French is an official language of the Assembly (alongside English and Jèrriais), the majority of this connection and interaction comes through the Commonwealth

Parliamentary Association (CPA) and the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (APF). However, Members are also able to engage with the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly (BIPA).

This chapter summarises the activity in 2023 of elected Members through these three organisations. A separate newsletter has been published with more detail (including costs) of activity within the CPA and APF during the year.



Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (Jersey branch)

The CPA is one of the oldest established organisations in the Commonwealth. Founded in 1911, it is an association that brings together parliamentarians (irrespective of gender, race, religion or culture) who are united by a community of interest, respect for the rule of law and individual rights and freedoms, and by the pursuit of the positive ideals of parliamentary democracy. The CPA is made up of branches from over 180 legislatures divided into nine geographic regions of the Commonwealth. It offers opportunities for parliamentarians and parliamentary staff to collaborate on issues of mutual interest and to share good practice. The CPA's mission is "to promote knowledge of the constitutional, legislative, economic, social and cultural aspects of parliamentary democracy, with particular reference to the countries of the Commonwealth".

The affairs of the Jersey Branch are managed by an

Executive Committee, of which the membership in 2023 was:

- Deputy Rob Ward (Chair)
- Deputy Hilary Jeune (Vice-Chair)
- Connétable Mike Jackson
- Connétable Karen Shenton-Stone
- Deputy Montfort Tadier
- Deputy Kirsten Morel
- Deputy Louise Doublet
- Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
- Deputy Carina Alves
- Deputy Raluca Kovacs

In addition to being a member of the Executive Committee of the Jersey Branch, Deputy Le Hegarat also represents the British Islands and Mediterranean Region on the CPA Executive Committee.

2023 ACTIVITIES

The 66th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) was held in Accra, Ghana, and was attended by Deputies Carolyn Labey, Rob Ward and Helen Miles. The main subject of the conference was 'The Commonwealth Charter 10 years on: Values and Principles for Parliament to Uphold'. There were 18 sessions, including the Small Branches conference of which Jersey is a member and the General Meeting of the CPA for all member branches. Deputy Ward and the Greffier of the States, who accompanied the delegation, both made presentations during the Small Branches conference.

The 52nd BIMR Conference was held at the Houses of

Parliament in London. It was attended by Connétable Andy Jehan and Deputies Rob Ward, Hilary Jeune and Raluca Kovacs. During the conference, Deputy Ward provided a presentation during the session on standards and behaviour and how different legislatures apply and monitor codes of conduct and registers of interest.

In addition to these principal conferences, the Assembly’s membership of the CPA allowed for Members to receive support with their professional development and to exchange ideas with parliamentarians in other jurisdictions. Connétable Richard Vibert and Deputy Tadier attended a CPA UK Trade Workshop at Westminster. This three-day event provided a unique platform for participants to strengthen their knowledge of the trade and economic landscape across the UK and the Commonwealth and to increase both their awareness of mechanisms for parliamentary scrutiny of agreements and their familiarity with parliamentary influence over trade negotiations and policy. Deputies Mary Le Hegarat and Beatriz Porée attended a workshop on “Strengthening Parliamentary Action to Address Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking in Supply Chains” in Nairobi, Kenya. This workshop brought together parliamentarians to advance the development and scrutiny of robust legislation and other measures to reduce modern slavery and human trafficking in supply chains.

Deputies Carina Alves and Tom Coles attended the Advanced Professional Development and Skills-Building Residency Programme in Edmonton, Canada, where they engaged in sessions on “Leadership Principles and Theories”, “Strategic Thinking & Planning”, “Cultural Intelligence and Stakeholder Engagement”, “Diplomacy, Influencing and Negotiating”, and “Speechwriting and Speechmaking”.

Online events also allowed elected Members to engage in the CPA’s work. Connétable Richard Honeycombe and Deputies Mary Le Hegarat, Helen Miles and Raluca Kovacs attended an online conference on “Domestic Abuse: Approaches across the Commonwealth”; at which there was a discussion about the approaches taken to tackling domestic violence across the Commonwealth and about how legislation could be strengthened to protect women and girls. Deputy Carina Alves attended the CPA’s virtual conference on the 4th Industrial Revolution, at which the potential and challenges of Artificial intelligence (AI) were considered and there was a discussion about the impact of disinformation.



Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (Section de Jersey)

Similar to the CPA, the APF is an international organisation that fosters inter-parliamentary co-operation and the pursuit of democratic ideals. It provides similar opportunities to the CPA for the States Assembly and its members but across the French-speaking world. Jersey became an associate member in 1971 and has been a full member since 1980.

Management of the Jersey Section is vested in an Executive Committee composed of elected Members, the membership of which in 2023 was:

- Deputy Montfort Tadier, President
- Deputy Kirsten Morel, Vice-President
- Connétable Mike Jackson
- Deputy Sir Philip Bailhache
- Deputy Helen Miles
- Deputy Raluca Kovacs

Following the lifting of travel restrictions put in place during the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Section was able to participate in more in person events during 2023. In June 2023, Deputy Tadier attended the Conférence des Présidents in Paris. This event brought together the Presidents of all the European members of the APF. In Paris, the delegates discussed the impact of the War in Ukraine as well as considering the theme of ‘Le traitement de l’information dans l’espace francophone et la lutte contre les fausses informations’ (The treatment of information in the Francophone world and the struggle against fake news’).

The APF’s global conference was held in Tbilisi, Georgia, in early July and was attended by Deputy Tadier and Connétable Mike Jackson. The conference brought together all of the APF’s jurisdictions, where they received an address from the Secretary-General of the

Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) and adopted a strategic framework for the APF for 2023 to 2027.

Finally, in November 2023, Deputies Kirsten Morel and Raluca Kovacs represented the Section at the Assemblée Région Europe in Athens, where the main topics of consideration included ‘La démocratie face à la guerre’ (Democracy in the face of war) and ‘Les perspectives d’avenir face à un monde fragmenté’ (Future perspectives on a broken world).

Alongside its attendance at APF events, the Section received an update from External Relations on the Government’s relations with France and the French-speaking world. The Section was also in regular communication with the Alliance Française and the Maison de la Normandie et de la Manche, supporting the endeavours in the Island of these organisations with events including Le Mois de la Francophonie and Le French Festival.

Towards the end of the year, the Section embarked upon a recruitment process for the 2024 Parlement Francophone des Jeunes (PFJ). Organised by the APF, the PFJ provides an opportunity for people between the ages of 18 and 25 to meet and to debate common issues. Details of this opportunity were shared through a range of States Assembly channels in order to reach as many eligible people as possible; with the recruitment process due to finish in early 2024.

British-Irish Parliamentary Association

The mission of BIPA is to promote co-operation between political representatives in Britain and Ireland for the benefit of the people they represent.

BIPA builds on the close relationships established in recent years between politicians throughout Britain and Ireland. BIPA meets in plenary session twice yearly, alternating between venues in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

In 2023, Connétable David Johnson was the States of Jersey Member and Deputy Rob Ward was the Associate Member.

An extraordinary BIPA plenary session was held in the Parliament Buildings in Stormont on 6 March 2023 to mark the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Good Friday Agreement.

Jersey itself hosted the 64th BIPA Plenary session, which was held in the Radisson Waterfront Hotel from 14 to 16 May 2023. The Plenary session discussions focused on the challenges facing parliamentarians and how we can consolidate the bilateral relationship between the UK and Ireland. Both Connétable David Johnson and Deputy Rob Ward attended the Plenary.

The 65th BIPA Plenary was held in Co. Kildare, Ireland from 22 to 24 October 2023. Discussions focused on UK-Irish relations, climate and decarbonisation. Both Connétable Johnson and Deputy Ward attended the Plenary.

The Crown Dependencies sit on the Steering Group on a rota basis and, in 2023, Connétable Johnson was the Crown Dependencies’ representative on the Steering Committee and attended a Committee meeting in Dublin from 24 to 25 April 2023.

Connétable Johnson was also a member of ‘Committee C’, which considers economic matters and the shared interests of the economies throughout Britain and Ireland. Committee C undertook a visit to Glasgow, Dumfries and Galloway from 20 to 21 April 2023 and visited Manchester from 29 to 30 June 2023.



Purpose and Context

The Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC) has responsibility for the procedures of the States Assembly (including the legislation governing elections in Jersey), for Members' facilities, and for the Code of Conduct to which elected Members must adhere. Standing Orders require the Committee's membership to be taken from across the States Assembly, including Government, non-Government and Scrutiny.

The membership of PPC in 2023 was as follows:

Connétable Karen Shenton-Stone, Chair	Deputy Mary Le Hegarat, Vice Chair
Deputy Carina Alves	Deputy Lyndon Farnham
Deputy Lyndsay Feltham	Deputy Malcolm Ferey
Deputy Lucy Stephenson	

The Terms of Reference for PPC are set out in Standing Order 128.

Procedural Developments

PPC is responsible for keeping Standing Orders under review and for proposing any changes that may be needed. Standing Orders are the rules that are agreed by the States Assembly and that govern how the Assembly operates; for instance, how States Meetings are run. Any changes (or new Standing Orders) must therefore be debated and approved by the Assembly. Although many of these debates are prompted by a proposition from PPC, it is possible for any Member to seek a change to Standing Orders by lodging a proposition. The following amendments to Standing Orders were progressed in 2023:

P.30/2023 - Amendment to Standing Orders – Various Amendments

This amendment from PPC made a number of changes to update Standing Orders, including the continued de-gendering of the language used, an update to Ministerial

titles, ensuring references were updated to His Majesty The King, and ensuring that subjects of censure or vote-of-no-confidence propositions could speak twice even in the event of a successful closure motion during the debate.

P.46/2023 – Amendment to Standing Orders – Establishment of PPC Sub Committees

In this amendment, PPC sought the formal establishment of the Diversity Forum as a Sub-Committee of PPC and for allowance to be made for the Committee to establish other Sub-Committees, should it so decide. The amendment was not debated before the end of the year.

P.85/2023 – Amendment to Standing Orders – Statements

This amendment from PPC proposed altering Standing Order 68 to introduce a requirement that the text of an official statement be provided by 5:00pm the day

before the statement was to be made (unless the Bailiff had given leave for a statement to be made without the requisite notice having been given). The proposition was lodged on 20 October 2023 and PPC engaged with the Chief Minister; the proposition was subsequently withdrawn but the Committee agreed to monitor the timeliness with which the texts of statements were provided.

P.92/2023 – Amendment to Standing Orders – Political Awareness and Education Sub Committee

With this amendment from PPC, the Committee sought the formal establishment of the Political Awareness and Education Sub-Committee in Standing Orders. The amendment was not debated before the end of the year.

P.93/2023 – Amendment to Standing Orders – States Assembly Tracker

PPC lodged this amendment in order to introduce a States Assembly Decision Tracker (as part of the Committee’s Terms of Reference). The Tracker – to be maintained by the States Greffe – would make it easier for States Members and the public to monitor the implementation of decisions and to question Ministers (or Committees) about any delay. The amendment was not debated before the end of the year.

P.101/2023 – Amendment to Standing Orders – Roll of elected members.

This amendment from PPC proposed changes to the roll call of elected States Members that is called at the beginning of each States Meeting and that is used to determine the seating plan in the States Chamber. It was proposed that from the 2026 elections, the order of the roll would be determined according to the length of time each elected member had held office (albeit with Connétables called before Deputies). The amendment was not debated before the end of the year.

In accordance with its terms of reference, the Committee also established the Machinery of Government Sub-Committee; the responsibility of this Sub-Committee being to keep the machinery of government under review and to make recommendations to PPC and the Council of Ministers. In 2023, the Sub-Committee fed into PPC’s own work on the States Assembly Decision Tracker (see above) and sought updates on recommendations made by the Sub-Committee’s predecessor (the Democratic Accountability and Governance Sub-Committee). Consideration was also given to the procedures governing appointments within the States Assembly and there was engagement with the Government about proposed enhancements to the role of Deputy Chief Minister.

Members’ Facilities and Services

Dedicated provision is made within the Members’ Resources Team of the States Greffe to assist elected States Members with the work they undertake in the Assembly in an independent capacity (not as a Minister or Assistant Minister nor as a member of a Scrutiny Panel or any other body). All 49 elected Members may access the service, which assists with

research enquiries; but it is also on hand to help with casework and Members’ training and development.

Research assistance is provided with propositions and amendments, questions, key issues of public importance and preparing for debates. Briefing Papers are also published on specific subjects of interest or debate topics as a means of helping all Members.

The following table provides a breakdown of the enquiries received from Members in 2023:

	Total	Per month (pro rata)	On hold	Closed	In progress (at year end)	Completed
2020	114	12.67	25	4	1	84
2021	163	12.92	9	5	10	139
2022	180	15.00	15	18	2	145
2023	185	15.42	43	24	2	116

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Amendments	19	10	27	14
Bridging Island Plan	0	68	30	0
Casework	3	5	8	3
Government Plan	12	12	26	37
Propositions	43	29	46	62
Queries	12	5	2	4
States Questions	5	7	4	5
Research	20	27	37	60
Total	114	163	180	185

2023 saw the highest number of enquiries submitted since the implementation of the Members’ Resources service in 2020; but the number of completed enquiries was lower than during the two preceding years. Not all enquiries reach a conclusion: in such cases, the majority of enquiries are treated as ‘on hold’ in the event that the Member returns at a later date to complete the inquiry. In some cases, the Member confirms that no further work will be required and in such cases the enquiry is marked as ‘closed’. The table shown below indicates the types of enquiries received. Queries are classed as shorter pieces of work; for example, a request for information during a debate.

Four briefing papers were presented in 2023. These were:

Title	Reference
Zero Hours Contracts	B.P.1/2023
Coronation Celebrations in Jersey	B.P.2/2023
Cannabis Industry in Jersey	B.P.3/2023
Fireworks Legislation	B.P.4/2023

All Briefing Papers are circulated to Members and then made available publicly via a dedicated page on the States Assembly website.

In 2023, work was undertaken on enhancing the support provided to elected States Members for their constituency work. It had been part of the 2022 Government’s 100 Day Plan that constituency offices should be introduced. Following liaison between the Chief Minister, the Chair of PPC and the Chair of the Comité des Connétables, it was agreed that PPC would take the matter forward. A Constituency Office Sub-Committee was established to oversee the work. The Sub-Committee engaged with Jersey Property Holdings and contacted a number of stakeholders with a view of identifying spaces, areas and buildings that could be considered for hosting constituency offices. Members were also surveyed about their specific needs.

The Sub-Committee reported to PPC in June 2023 and growth funding was subsequently allocated in the Government Plan 2024-2027 for the establishment in 2024 of a Constituency Support Team in the States Greffe.

Additional office facilities for States Members were developed and opened in 2023. 23 Hill Street (adjacent to Morier House and close to the States Building) was identified as a suitable location for office space for use by States Members when operating in an independent capacity. The office space was first made available in June 2023. Alongside this, improvements were made to the administration of space within the States Building to make for easier use and booking of the meeting rooms available to States Members.

The States Greffe also provides and arranges professional development opportunities for elected States Members. Members benefit from development opportunities through the States Assembly’s membership of the CPA and APF (see above) but there are times when bespoke opportunities for Members can be organised. In 2023, the States Greffe itself offered training to elected Members on Questions within the Assembly; Freedom of Information; Data Protection; and Children’s Rights Impact Assessments (CRIAs). States Members are also able to request group or individual French language lessons provided through Alliance Française in light of the fact that French is one of the official languages of the Assembly.



In addition, the Members' Resources Team assisted with arrangements for Members to be briefed on the following matters:

- Children's Commissioner;
- Visit Jersey;
- Risk Management;
- Freedom to Speak Up Guardian;
- Children's Convention Rights; and
- Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Taskforce.

In conjunction with the UK Branch of the CPA, 10 elected Members also had the opportunity to spend two days at Westminster, including a visit to an MP constituency office, in order to gain experience and knowledge about working as a parliamentarian. Sessions covered Contributing in the Chamber; Making an Impact; and Balancing Responsibilities. During the visit (which was attended by Connétables Mike Jackson, Richard

Vibert and Karen Shenton-Stone, and Deputies Beatriz Porée, Helen Miles, Catherine Curtis, Lyndsay Feltham, Raluca Kovacs, Barbara Ward and Lucy Stephenson) the attendees met members of the Channel Islands All-Party Parliamentary Group.

In October 2023, 26 Members embarked upon a new, bespoke training programme that had been developed by the The Resolution Centre, a locally-based organisation, and Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh in conjunction with the States Greffe. Entitled 'Negotiating for Better Success in Politics', the course would involve 10 monthly modules focussing on the key skills required of elected representatives (Negotiation, Communication, Conflict Resolution, Critical Thinking, Leadership and Resilience). During the year, individual confidential coaching and counselling support from other providers was also offered and made available to elected Members.

States Members' Remuneration

In April 2022, the States Assembly had agreed a new system for setting States Members' pay through the adoption of the States of Jersey (Remuneration of Elected Members) Law 2022. The new system replaced the previous arrangements for setting Members' pay and disbanded the States Members' Remuneration Review Body.

In accordance with the Law, PPC had established an appointment panel to lead the recruitment of the States Members' Remuneration Reviewer. The appointment panel comprised the Greffier of the States and Mark Porter, Diana Koch, Judy Martin and Steve Pallet. Following the recruitment process, Jennifer Long was appointed as the States Members' Remuneration Reviewer in February 2023.

Once appointed, the Remuneration Reviewer enquired into matters relating to the remuneration of elected States Members, seeking feedback from all States Members, the Minister for Treasury and Resources (as required by the Law) and from the public. In total 73 responses to the consultation were received; of which 60 came from members of the public.

In accordance with the States of Jersey (Amendment – Remuneration of Elected Members) (Jersey) Law 2022,

the Reviewer subsequently produced a final report to PPC. The Reviewer's report had to specify Members' remuneration and the date when any change would take effect, explaining the rationale for both. The Reviewer presented her report to the PPC on 13 October 2023 for review and the report was presented to the States on 16 October 2023. A full copy of the report can be found [here](#).

The report made a number of recommendations in respect of States Members' remuneration and the pension scheme for elected States Members, all of which took automatic effect. In addition, the Reviewer highlighted areas for further consideration, including governance arrangements for the States Employment Board, Ministerial pay and participation by elected Members in the Scrutiny function. In terms of salary, the level was increased to £53,875 with effect from 1 June 2023 – with subsequent changes to take effect on 1 October each year in line with the Average Earnings Index (AEI). In relation to the pension scheme, it was recommended that the 'employer contributions' (the contributions paid by the States) should be increased from 10% to 16% from 1 January 2024.

In relation to other matters concerning remuneration, the Pensions Sub-Committee continued to oversee the delivery of the States Members' pension scheme. The Sub-Committee comprised both elected and lay members and considered 6-monthly reports from the pension provider on the performance of the

scheme. PPC received regular updates about the Sub-Committee's work during 2022. As of the end of the year, 26 Members had joined the scheme.

Code of Conduct for Elected States Members

The Code of Conduct for Elected States Members is included in Standing Order 155. The Code assists Members in discharging their obligations to the States, their constituents, and the public of Jersey and sets the standards to which Members may be held accountable.

The Commissioner for Standards is responsible for considering complaints about the conduct of States Members if it is believed that the Code has been breached.

In February 2023, the PPC proposed the appointment of a Pan-Island Commissioner for Standards to work across both Jersey and Guernsey. Before the election in 2022, the previous Committee had written to the President of the States Assembly Constitution Committee in Guernsey to confirm arrangements to appoint a Commissioner for Standards who would work across the two Islands. Following the adoption of legislation in Guernsey which created the Commissioner role, a joint recruitment exercise had been undertaken in late 2022, based on the understanding that each Island would have its own legislation and Codes of Conduct, and therefore there would be two separate roles to fill. The position was advertised in the local media in both Islands and also nationally; with Dr Melissa McCullough being appointed to the role in March 2023. The full report regarding her appointment can be found [here](#).

The Commissioner for Standards presented her own annual report covering the activity of the office in 2023. The report provided information on the complaints received in Jersey from March 2023 to 31 December 2023; including an analysis of the number of complaints, a summary of the investigation reports and recommendations, the resources associated with the Office of the Commissioner and other work conducted during this year.

In accordance with Standing Orders, upon receipt of a report from the Commissioner, PPC must provide the subject(s) of the complaint with an opportunity to address the Committee; before subsequently reaching

a conclusion on whether there has been a breach of the Code of Conduct and, if so, what actions are required. The Committee received 4 such reports from the Commissioner during the course of the year. In one instance, PPC agreed with the Commissioner's conclusion that there had been no breach of the Code of Conduct and the Commissioner's report was simply presented to the States. In the other 3 instances, hearings were held with the Members concerned and the Committee concluded that there had been a breach of the Code of Conduct in each instance. Reports were presented to the States in each case on the Commissioner's investigations and on the Committee's conclusions as to the subsequent action to be taken. In one instance, the Committee lodged a proposition for the censure of an elected Member (P.66/2023) with that proposition adopted by the States Assembly on 12 September 2023.

Public access to official information

The Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011, which replaced the previous Code of Practice on Public Access to Official Information, gives people the right to access information held by public authorities and equal rights to access this information. Part of PPC's Terms of Reference requires it to keep under review the procedures and enactments relating to public access to official information as well as the procedures relating to access to information for elected members. No changes were made in 2023 to the current arrangements in either of these areas.

Diversity Forum

The Diversity Forum was formally set up as a Sub-Committee of PPC after the 2018 election. The Diversity Forum works towards the aim of the States Assembly fully reflecting the population of Jersey and representing all of the communities and interests in the Island. It aims to increase public engagement in democratic processes, particularly in relation to under-represented groups. The current PPC re-established the Diversity Forum as a Sub-Committee and lodged an amendment to Standing Orders for there to be permanent Sub-Committee for future PPCs.

The Diversity Forum assists PPC in ensuring that the support and facilities available for States Members, and the Assembly’s framework of rules, encourage the development of a diverse and inclusive Assembly. It also assists PPC in the work to increase the diversity of candidates standing for election, to provide them with more assistance to stand, and in identifying and addressing the principal barriers to higher election turnout across the population.

In 2023, the Sub-Committee reviewed the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) report recommendations as well as the Diversity Forum Legacy Report from the previous term of office, including:

- Introducing role descriptions for Assembly roles.
- Ensuring the Committees and Panels all contain at least one man and one woman.
- Consideration of introducing a public sector equality duty.
- To assess the success of encouraging a broader cross-section of the public to vote.
- To encourage the Government to improve the diversity of recruitment to States-owned bodies and arm’s length organisations.
- To examine other aspects of diversity for example, disability.
- Modelling inclusive leadership and behaviour in the States Assembly and civil service.
- Establishing a dedicated Equalities Minister and Department.
- Enhancing social mobility and tackling the growing poverty gap, particularly through education policy.

Independent Bodies

The Privileges and Procedures Committee takes a lead, on behalf of the States Assembly, in the appointment of, and relationship with, certain independent bodies. The Commissioner for Standards and the States Members’ Remuneration Reviewer have already been mentioned; but activity was also undertaken by the Committee in 2023 in respect of other such bodies.

STATES OF JERSEY COMPLAINTS PANEL

The States of Jersey Complaints Panel investigates complaints about the administration of Ministers and States department, acting in accordance with the Administrative Decisions (Review) (Jersey) Law 1982.

Following the States Assembly’s agreement in 2018 to consider the establishment of a Public Sector Ombudsman, the long-term future of the States of Jersey Complaints Panel remained uncertain throughout 2023. However, until an Ombudsman is established, the existing provision and service of the Panel is maintained, so that Islanders may still seek help if they are not satisfied with the decisions or actions of Ministers or Departments.

The Complaints Panel prepares its own annual report for the States Assembly, which the Committee publishes on behalf of the Panel. The Report for 2023 can be found [here](#).

In 2020, having agreed to extend the tenure of the Chair and Deputy Chairs of the Panel until 2024, PPC oversaw a recruitment process for additional members to join the Panel and 8 new members were recruited. Those new members were initially appointed for a three-year term until September 2023, by which time it had been anticipated the new Public Sector Ombudsman would be in place. As no Public Sector Ombudsman had been appointed, however, PPC presented a report to the Assembly in August 2023 for the renewed appointment of the Chair and 7 other members of the Panel. The appointment took formal effect in September 2023.

JERSEY ELECTORAL AUTHORITY

The Jersey Electoral Authority (JEA) serves as an independent arbiter to determine candidate disputes, complaints, address conduct issues amongst candidates and also oversee the review of election expenditure by candidates.

In January 2023, the PPC presented a report from the JEA, as required by Article 13B of the Elections (Jersey) Law 2002, in respect of the 2022 elections.

REFERENDUM COMMISSION

The Referendum Commission is appointed by the States Assembly to advise on the proposed wording for any referendum due to be held in Jersey; and, once the question and date of a referendum have been set, to appoint lead campaign groups for the referendum.

No referendums were held in the Island during 2023, but PPC instigated the appointment process for a new Commission to be put in place. Under the provisions of the Referendum (Jersey) Law 2017, PPC must appoint a recruitment panel to oversee the process. The panel comprised the Deputy Greffier of the States, the Judicial Greffier and the Director of Electoral Administration and Guidance from the UK’s Electoral Commission. An invitation for applications was sought during the latter part of 2023, with interviews to be held in early 2024.

Digital and Public Engagement

The Political Awareness and Education Sub-Committee provides political oversight and direction for that part of PPC’s Terms of Reference relating to engagement of the public in the work of the States Assembly. The Sub-Committee itself operates in accordance with set Terms of Reference that include the raising of political awareness and engagement – both with the States Assembly and with the electoral system. The Sub-Committee also provides political oversight for the education and outreach work undertaken by the Digital and Public Engagement (D&PE) Section of the States Greffe. Outside of elections, the work is driven by the following objectives:

- **Digital advancements:** increasing Islander engagement with the States Assembly’s online channels, including online meetings by 20% year on year;
- **Traditional media:** increasing media coverage and improving the accuracy of coverage of the States Assembly;

- **Awareness raising:** increasing public understanding about the difference between the States Assembly and the Government;
- **Scrutiny:** improving awareness of the role of Members outside of States Meetings, in particular the role of Scrutiny;
- **Active engagement:** increasing knowledge and action amongst Islanders getting involved in local politics, including petitions and contact with Members; and
- **Education:** embedding politics in every year of the local secondary school curriculum.

DIGITAL ADVANCEMENTS

The objective is to increase engagement with the Assembly’s online channels by 20% each year. In 2023, the number of engagements increased across all of the channels in comparison with 2022.

A rise in new video content contributed to this increase in Engagement and paid promotion was used to increase the visibility and reach of these videos (the number of people viewing the content), which lends the opportunity for new people to see and interact with the content.

Typically, sponsored posts attract more engagement (likes, shares, comments) in comparison with organic social media posts that rely solely on page followers engaging with the content. A sponsored post performs 900% better on average in terms of engagement: an organic post will receive between 0 -300 engagements with sponsored ones receiving 500 - 3,000 engagements.

E-petition posts typically receive a high number of comments. However, as these can be negative, acknowledgement of the overall tone and sentiment is monitored closely.

Channel	Engagements	% diff to 2022
Facebook	155,132	+189.9%
X (Twitter)	21,831	Unavailable
LinkedIn	2,317	+391.9%
Instagram	1,239	+52.4%
YouTube	225	+69.2%

VIDEO CONTENT

A total of 44 new videos were created and published during the year, covering a range of topics, including Volunteers Week, International Women’s Day, the ‘My Island’ Art Competition, Democracy Week and Proposition videos.

We also began live streaming States Meetings and Scrutiny Hearings on YouTube towards the end of the year to further raise awareness and accessibility, which we plan to continue in 2024.

Two YouTube ads were created to increase understanding of the States Assembly and awareness of the ‘My Island’ art competition. These videos attracted 11,000 views.

A particularly successful video created to generate public feedback on the Work Permit Holder Welfare Review Panel generated 8,936 engagements and 569 link clicks. This

Video Campaign	Engagements
Volunteers Week	191
International Women’s Day	86
Remuneration Review	28
Podcasts	180
Scrutiny Review Launch	169
Scrutiny Panel Launch	115
Scrutiny Report Launch	182

video was boosted for 7 days with a total spend of £35. The use of proposition videos continued from 2022 with 10 States Members opting to create a total of 12 proposition videos. These generated 686 engagements and 40,000 views.

STATES ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

The redevelopment of the States Assembly website started in 2023 and was on-going at the end of the year, with a launch date scheduled in 2024. In 2023, the performance of the existing Assembly website continued to improve:

Year	Sessions	Visits via social media	Visit via organic search	Direct visits	Visits from referrals
2023	325,992	13,224	99,302	136,460	24,410
2022	236,724	7,725	48,396	81,887	12,718
2021	215,877	10,163	44,956	64,409	13,419
2020	279,029	10,444	40,846	120,666	12,034

On 1 July 2023, Google Analytics Universal Analytics (UA) properties stopped processing new data and migrated to Google Analytics 4 (GA4) reporting. The two versions use different data models: UA used a session-based data model, GA4 uses an event-based data model. The data for 2023 has therefore been split with the first half of the year (January to June) using UA and the second half of the year (July to December) using GA4.

Year	Sessions	Bounce Rate	Average Session Duration	Visits via social media	Visits via organic search	Visits direct	Visits from referrals
Jan - Jun	127,295	52.53%	00:02:13	5,517	22,343	46,982	5,299
Jul - Dec	198,697	56.40%	00:00:28	7,707	76,959	89,478	19,111

The number of sessions (total visits to the website increased by 38% from 2022 to 2023. This increase can be attributed in part to the number of States Meetings (16 in total in 2023 compared to 12 in 2022 due to the Election Period from April to June 2022 when the Assembly did not meet).

There was also a 71% increase in the number of visits to the website via social media from 2022 to 2023. The significant difference can partly be attributed to the lack

of activity driving users to the website from social media in the lead-up to the 2022 Election, with the focus instead on Vote.je social media accounts.

The number of direct visits (defined as users coming either typing in the URL directly or using a bookmark saved on their browser) increased by 67% from 2022 to 2023.

Organic Search was the most used channel in 2023 with 47% of users accessing the States Assembly website through a search engine.

TRADITIONAL MEDIA

The objectives were to increase media coverage and to improve the accuracy of reporting about the States Assembly. Over the course of 2023, the States Greffe issued 105 press notices to the media, 45 of which related to the work of the Assembly, with the

remaining 60 relating to the work of Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee.


Media monitoring is undertaken on a daily basis and relevant coverage is shared with States Greffe colleagues and Scrutiny Panel members. Inaccuracies are tracked, reported to the media houses, and addressed, where possible. Some examples of the coverage generated:

JEP 29.04.2023

CEHA Panel quarterly public hearing

HEADLINE: Scrutiny Calls for 'Visa vignettes'

Our press notice [here](#).



States Members to debate several taxing issues today

STATES Members will be debating quite a few taxing issues today when they meet for their penultimate session before the summer break.

They will decide whether married couples and civil partners should be allowed to continue filing joint tax returns.

Backbencher Deputy Lyndon Farnham wants to give couples the option to fill in their tax form together or separately – a choice that was removed for existing taxpayers when the last Assembly agreed to move to independent taxation.

Other debates on the agenda include a call by Deputy Lyndsay Felham to remove the different tax rates for wealthy people coming to the Island under the 200 (6) regime. (See separate story on page 2.)

Treasury Minister Ian Gorst has asked Members to approve a change in the law around tax information requests from other jurisdictions. At the moment, the Island is unable to comply with the international standard for exchanging information, because of a recent ruling by the Royal Court.

Infrastructure Minister Tom Binet is expected to make a statement about a recent feasibility study, which showed that the preferred option for new healthcare facilities was to have an important hospital at Overdale, an outpatients' centre in town and a 'health village' next to Clinique Pinel in St Saviour.

The National Education Union has organised a demonstration of teachers, parents and supporters' at 10.30pm in the Royal Square tomorrow, as hundreds of teachers in Jersey are due to go on strike.

Many Hands promotes messages about citizenship and democracy

Two Hand 2 people who met the States Chamber this year and receive a view of the book.

I hope the story will encourage children across Jersey to become curious about how the Island is run and to understand that they can make their voices heard on subjects that matter to them.

States Greffe

It was a pleasure to participate in the States Greffe to mark the book's launch. The book is a great guide for children and young people. It includes a lot of information about the Island's history, culture and society. It is a great resource for schools and young people. The book was developed with the support of the States Greffe and the States Chamber. It is a great resource for schools and young people. The book was developed with the support of the States Greffe and the States Chamber. It is a great resource for schools and young people.

Selection of headlines from the Jersey Evening Post



Scrutiny want information on change in chief executive role

A SCRUTINY panel has called on the Chief Minister to provide answers about how the role of the chief executive will change following the departure of Suzanne Wylie.

The Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel, a group of politicians responsible for holding Deputy Kristina Moore accountable and overseeing government HR processes – has issued a letter with 14 requests for information. The panel want a response by 6 April.

They have asked about discussions on the future of the chief executive role, decisions on how her departure was communicated, and whether any complaints about 'unacceptable behaviour' were raised during her term of office.

Deputy Moore has faced criticism for her handling of events around Mrs Wylie's resignation – and moved this week to clarify comments made to the media, saying that her 'public comment on this matter was unclear'.

The panel's requests for information relate to:

- The process to identify an interim chief



Chief executive Suzanne Wylie, who has resigned

any potential changes to the scope of the chief executive role and any legislative changes that will be required as a result. In addition, the impact of this workstream on the timeline for recruiting a new chief executive to the role.

- How the current chief executive role interacts with the structure of the Cabinet Office and the changes that are being considered

was implemented in November 2022 and is due for review in October 2024.

- The internal investigations being undertaken as a result of the claims made by ministers and government civil servants in relation to the working environment, culture and behaviours within the Office of the Chief Executive and whether an independent investigation into the matter will be requested

er all members were notified and made aware of the chief executive's resignation.

- Any agreements that have been made between the Chief Minister and the chief executive on how the chief executive communicates publicly following her resignation.
- Any communications to encourage the chief executive to communicate publicly following her resignation.
- The records of every instance, during the Chief Minister's term of office, where political discussions on the scope and scale of the role of the chief executive have taken place, with and without the involvement of the chief executives. In addition, identification of how many occasions the chief executive was involved in those discussions.
- All government records, during the Chief Minister's term of office, of any complaints raised by ministers and government civil servants regarding unacceptable behaviour.

The panel also noted that during the Youth Assembly this week, Deputy Chief Minister Kristian Mural said consideration

Selection of traditional media headlines

Bailiwick Express 25.09.2023

Democracy Week

HEADLINE: *GUIDE: What's on for Democracy Week?*

Our press notice [here](#).



BBC 16.10.2023

HSS overpayments review report publication

HEADLINE: *One in five income support families paying back overpayments*

Our press notice [here](#).



ITV 13.10.2023

Work Permit Holder Welfare Review Report Publication

HEADLINE: *Inconsistent treatment of seasonal workers leaves some facing unaffordable health costs*

Deputy Porée interviewed on ITV evening news. Our press notice [here](#).



Channel 103 23.11.2023

New accessible playground opened by PPC Chair in St Martin

HEADLINE: *Promised St Martin Playground Opens*

Our press notice [here](#).



AWARENESS RAISING

The objective is to increase public understanding of the difference between the States Assembly and the Government.

Jersey’s fourth annual Democracy Week took place between 25 and 30 September 2023. There were 28 Democracy Week events held across the Island, making the 2023 initiative the most substantial offering to date.

The aims of Democracy Week 2023 were:

1. To help Islanders to connect with States Members;
2. To build awareness and understanding of the political cycle and opportunities to engage;
3. To help Islanders understand the make-up of the States Assembly and different roles Members hold; and;
4. To celebrate our democracy.

Democracy Week events and initiatives included:

- School Visits by Members and Officers
- Democracy Day packs for primary schools
- Design a States Chamber for the Future competition
- ‘Book readings of The Many Hands Club at Jersey Library

- Democracy Week book display at Jersey Library
- An Introduction to Politics presentation
- Politics Matters’ breakfast event
- Launch of The States Assembly Podcast
- Town Centre pop-up stands with Members
- Free Tours of the States Chamber
- Meet the Members event
- Walking Tour around St Helier covering Jersey’s political history
- Piloted a new offering: ‘Corporate Tour of the States Chamber’
- Who Can Vote in Jersey? informative video (written and performed by The Story Beast)
- Why Does Politics Matter? Informative video featuring Islanders on the streets of St Helier
- Art competition display in the Royal Square
- New booklet ‘Essential Guide to the States Assembly’ (translated into multiple languages)
- Meeting of the Jersey Youth Parliament in the States Chamber

Selection of images of DW2023 events/initiatives



Away from Democracy Week, tours of the States Chamber were offered throughout the year. In 2023, 101 people attended one of the eight tours delivered by Blue Badge Guides. Attendees were a mix of Jersey residents and tourists. The tours continued to receive excellent feedback, with 100% of survey respondents in 2023 stating that they would recommend the tour to a friend.



The States Assembly Podcast was launched during Democracy Week, in line with the D&PE Strategy for 2021-2024, as a brand new communication channel to inform Islanders with engaging content by ‘bringing you information and insights on how Jersey’s political system works and how to make it work for you’. Total downloads in 2023 since the launch of the podcast numbered 460 with the downloads by episode (in chronological order of release) as follows:

Episode	Date of release	Downloads
Why does democracy matter?	29/09/2023	106
Who decides States Members’ pay?	02/10/2023	48
Jersey Politics 101	01/11/2023	185
Jersey’s budget: the Government Plan explained	06/12/2023	121

EDUCATION

The 4-year objective is to embed politics in every year of the local secondary school curriculum.

1. New resources

To support teachers, new education resources were developed during 2023, including videos such as The States Simplified, an animation explaining the difference between the States Assembly and the Government of Jersey; and Can I even vote in Jersey? (And other stupid questions), a collaboration with the International Cultural Centre Jersey and The Story Beast.

2. Democracy Week activities

Many of the activities and events which took place during Democracy Week 2023 also centred around education, including an ‘Introduction to Jersey Politics’ event run by the Education Manager at Jersey Library and the ‘Design a States Chamber for the Future’ competition for primary school children which saw over 30 entries. Schools and other community groups also got involved and ran their own events in addition to those offered by the States Assembly.

States Members and States Greffe staff continued to visit local schools, speaking to young people during classes and assemblies. There were 14 school visits during Democracy Week alone, engaging over 1,600 students with States Members.

3. Year 5 visits to the States Chamber

Throughout the year, Year 5 students from all the Island’s primary schools visited the States Chamber for their opportunity to learn about the history of the Assembly and to hold their own debate. This provides an invaluable opportunity for children to get excited about Jersey’s history and democracy, and to share their opinions on topics that matter to them. 43 classes visited the Chamber during 2023.

4. Colin Powell Rotary Student Peace Debate

The annual Peace Debate was held in the States Chamber on 24 November 2023. During the debate, students from three of the Island’s secondary schools debated

concerns relating to food security. This was an important opportunity for these young people to share their views and practise their public speaking. The debate was livestreamed and can be watched here.

5. Jersey Youth Parliament

The Jersey Youth Parliament (Les Jannes Vouaix) engaged with States Members and visited the States Chamber on multiple occasions during 2023, including a guided tour in April led by the Education Manager. Youth Parliament members returned to the Chamber to give presentations to States Members in September 2023 on topics including the results of a survey which had gathered young peoples’ views about housing; recommendations on how the Island could become more inclusive; and feedback on local parks. The session can be watched here.

6. Jersey Youth Assembly

The 25th Jersey Youth Assembly took place on 28 March 2023, presided over by the Bailiff. 28 young people took part, and 8 States Members attended. Following Question Time, the Youth Assembly debated several propositions including ‘Smartphones should be banned’ and ‘Make bus transport free of charge in Jersey’. The Minutes can be read here.

7. Visits from youth groups

The States Greffe welcomed groups from youth organisations and communities into the Chamber throughout 2023. This included students from Good Enough College, a postgraduate residential community in London, who came for a tour of the Royal Court and States Chamber in May, and groups of Beavers and Scouts who visited the Chamber in November for a guided tour followed by a period of questions.

8. Highland College Connect Me Conference and Freshers’ Fayre

The States Assembly was represented at these events in January and September to help inform students about how to use their voice to influence the future of the Island, and to provide opportunities for students to connect with elected States Members.

Scrutiny

PURPOSE AND CONTEXT

The Standing Orders of the States of Jersey establish the framework for the States Assembly’s Scrutiny function, defining the remits and constitutions of the associated Committees and Panels. In accordance with Standing Orders, there are 5 Scrutiny Panels, as listed below, and the Public Accounts Committee:

- Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel;
- Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel;
- Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel;
- Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel; and
- Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel.

Arising from the Standing Orders, there are two Codes of Practice that set out in detail the ‘rules’ by which these Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) operate. One Code governs engagement with the Government with another covering the proceedings of Panel and PAC work.

Scrutiny Panels and the PAC are integral to the work of the States Assembly. Between the plenary meetings of the Assembly, it is through its Scrutiny Panels and Committees that the majority of Assembly activity is conducted, examining and investigating the work of the Government and, in doing so, holding it to account on behalf of the Island’s community. They perform this function largely by undertaking Reviews (investigations) and publishing a range of written output, including reports, on a number of areas:

- Government policy;
- new laws and changes to existing laws;
- work and expenditure of the Government; and
- issues of public importance.

In addition, the Scrutiny Liaison Committee (SLC), consisting of the Chairs of the five Scrutiny Panels plus the Chair of PAC, holds monthly scheduled meetings in order to maintain collaborative oversight of the respective comprehensive work programmes and to address any challenges arising from pressures placed on the function during the year. The Committee may establish ‘Review Panels’. Such Panels are set up by the Committee to review particular proposals, issues or

projects that fall outside or cut across multiple of the remits of the established Scrutiny Panels.

SCRUTINY REPORTS

At the end of a review, Panels publish written output, often significant reports, of their findings and recommendations. The Government has to consider the findings and recommendations, with the relevant Minister required to publish a report about what they will do in response.

Panels also sometimes publish Comments or amendments, typically linked to a proposition, including draft laws. Panels can also lodge their own propositions for the States Assembly to debate, as well as ask questions in States meetings. A full list of official publications in 2023 by Scrutiny Panels, Review Panels and the PAC can be found in Appendix 6.

Scrutiny Communications are supported by the D&PE Section of the States Greffe, for which the objective in this area is to improve awareness of the role of Members outside of States Meetings, in particular the role of Scrutiny and the work they undertake on Panels and the PAC. In 2023, 60 press notices were issued in relation to the work of Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee. Communications and public engagement with Scrutiny reviews were planned and managed using a campaign approach tailored to the target audience and the type of evidence sought for the review.

SIGNIFICANT SCRUTINY WORK: EXAMPLES FROM 2023

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel – Proposed Government Plan 2024-2027 Review

The Proposed Government Plan 2024-27 [P.72/2023] (the second Plan for the current term of office) was lodged on 19th September 2023 for debate on 12th December 2023.

The five Scrutiny Panels each launched individual reviews and agreed their own Terms of Reference, scrutinising various projects and revenue expenditure growth allocations specific to their remits. As part of their reviews, the Panels considered several key areas including:

- the impact of the Plan’s proposals on departmental budgets and staffing levels;
- the alignment of the Plan with the objectives of the Common Strategic Policy and Ministerial Plans;
- the deliverability of the proposed revenue expenditure growth allocations and projects; and
- whether the proposals demonstrated the best use of public funds.

As part of the review process, the Corporate Services Panel also considered any overarching themes. To inform their reviews, each Panel requested views from targeted stakeholders and public hearings were held with Ministers. To engage members of the public, their views were sought via social media and a pop-up stand was also arranged.

A Digital Report summarising Scrutiny’s review of the Plan was published and highlighted the work undertaken by each Panel:

- Following the Corporate Services Panel’s review, the Panel presented its Scrutiny Report S.R.4/2023 on 5th December 2023. Its review resulted in 1 Amendment, 45 findings and 25 recommendations, of which 11 were overarching.
- Following the Children, Education and Home Affairs Panel’s review, the Panel presented its Comments on 6th December 2023. Its review resulted in 2 amendments, 14 findings and 6 recommendations.
- Following the Economic and International Affairs Panel’s review, the Panel presented its Comments on 7th December 2023. Its review resulted in 4 amendments and 8 recommendations.
- Following the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel’s review, the Panel presented its Comments on 6th December 2022. Its review resulted in 7 recommendations.
- Following the Health and Social Security Panel’s review, the Panel presented its Comments on 6th December 2022. Its review resulted in 4 recommendations.

In addition to the specific findings and recommendations from each Panel, the Corporate Services Panel made 11 overarching recommendations (supported by all Panels and demonstrating agreement of key concerns across all remits). Many of these related to the Government programme design, income and expenditure (for 2024), the Value for Money Programme, funding proposals

for projects and revenue growth allocations as well as States borrowing, investments and Funds. Moreover, due regard was also given to the requirements of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 and the Draft Finance (2024 Budget) (Jersey) Law 202- which gave effect to the revenue measures proposed within the Government Plan.

Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel – Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations Review

The Panel conducted its review of the Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations (P.40/2023) following the adoption of the principles by the States Assembly in July 2023. The review was prompted by concerns raised by key stakeholders and aimed to identify necessary amendments and recommendations.

The Panel gathered evidence from a wide range of stakeholders representing social housing providers, private landlords and tenants and engaged the consultancy services of Justice for Tenants UK.

The Panel examined whether the proposed licensing regulations would achieve the intended aim of ensuring a good standard of condition for rented properties. Initially, the Panel proposed nine amendments which sought to ensure ‘light touch’, but effective, regulation. Subsequent to these amendments being lodged, the Minister for the Environment then brought his own eleventh amendment which sought to incorporate (in whole, or in part) the improvements contained within the Panel’s nine amendments (excluding amendments 2 and 8). As a result, the Panel withdrew its own original amendments and re-lodged amendments 2 (inclusion of lodging houses) and 8 (exemption of fees for social housing providers) as amendments to the Minister’s eleventh amendment. Both of these amendments were defeated but the Minister’s amendment – incorporating ideas from the Panel – was adopted.

The Panel also presented Comments containing a number of key findings and recommendations. The Minister for the Environment responded with his own Comments, accepting one recommendation in full and seven recommendations in part, and rejecting one recommendation.

Following the debate and the adoption of the Regulations in November 2023, the Panel maintained that it would monitor the implementation and, in particular, the publication of a code of practice and guidelines to assist both landlords and tenants.



BRIDGING LIQUID WASTE STRATEGY 2023 – 2026 SCRUTINY REVIEW

In its review of the Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-2026, the Panel assessed the Government's plans to address the known issues arising from the age and capacity of the Island's sewerage and drainage network. This included an examination of the historic under-funding of the network and related services and the impact that issues with the network had on the housing development delivery targets (as set out in the Bridging Island Plan 2022-2025).

The key issues examined in the review were:

- Infrastructure capacity for new and existing homes;
- Improving surface water management;
- Importance of stakeholder and community engagement; and
- Long-term sustainable financing.

The Panel recommended that a longer-term approach should be identified for funding critical infrastructure projects and that the solution should be delivered prior to the Government Plan 2025 – 2028. It also suggested that consideration be given to phasing network upgrades over an extended period of time to determine whether other solutions could be found in the longer-term.

In total the Panel made 27 key findings and 23 recommendations to Government. The Minister for Infrastructure and the Minister for the Environment jointly responded to the Panel, accepting 19 of the recommendations.

Central to its findings and recommendations was the need identified for collaborative working among Ministers to improve the resilience of the network, to identify funding sources and to provide a strategic direction which would help shape an integrated approach for future waste and water management and resource strategies.

The substantive work on the review was undertaken in 2023, with the final report to be published in January 2024.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY SCRUTINY PANEL – REVIEW OF INCOME SUPPORT OVERPAYMENTS

The Panel agreed to undertake a review of the overpayment of Income Support Benefits due to a recurrent issue raised by members of the public. The review considered the following key issues:

- The prevalence and causes of Income Support benefit overpayments.
- The effect of overpayments on claimants of the Income Support benefit.
- How overpayments are currently addressed by the Customer and Local Services Department.
- The current policy surrounding overpayments and repayments.

The Panel undertook a call for evidence with members of the public and received individuals privately to discuss their concerns. The Panel also wrote to, and engaged with, key stakeholders to gather their views and experiences of this issue.

Whilst the Panel could not address every point raised in submissions from charities, organisations and members of the public, it endeavoured to highlight key themes or concerns from the evidence received. These were:

- the significant financial and wellbeing impact;
- the shortcomings in policies and processes and inconsistency in their application; and
- concerns with Customer and Local Services' communication.

In total, the Panel made 45 findings and 26 recommendations to the Minister for Social Security. Of the 26 recommendations, 3 were accepted and 5 were partially accepted.

FUTURE HOSPITAL REVIEW PANEL – NEW HEALTHCARE FACILITIES PROGRAMME REVIEW

The Future Hospital Review Panel established new terms of reference in order to examine the governance of the New Healthcare Facilities Programme (NHFP) and the development and progress of the projects to provide a new hospital and healthcare facilities for Jersey.

The review was ongoing throughout 2023 and culminated in an interim report [S.R.3/2023] which took the Panel's investigations up to the publication of the Government Plan 2024 – 2027 and the funding proposed in order to progress that work.

The report found that there was insufficient transparency and clarity over the total cost of the NHFP and a lack of Ministerial consensus on the programme of work.

The Panel also felt that there was a lack of clarity over the Ministerial oversight or understanding of the rating system used to measure the options for delivering healthcare infrastructure against the chosen critical success factors.

The Panel’s report also expressed concerns around the lack of a Health and Social Services Workforce strategy to inform the programme, the risk of duplication of services across multiple sites and the need for

structured engagement with healthcare professionals, emergency services and stakeholders, including residents of the various sites in scope. The Panel made 41 findings and 16 recommendations. A number of recommendations related to information to be provided at the time of the Government Plan 2024 – 2027 debate. The Ministerial Response rejected 3 of the recommendations while a number were marked as ‘complete’ or ‘complete in part’. Two recommendations were accepted.

Work Permit Holder Welfare Review Panel – Review of Work Permit Holder Welfare



The Work Permit Holder Welfare Review Panel was established in December 2022, following concerns brought to the attention of the Panel about the treatment of some work permit holders in Jersey. A focus of the review was the extent to which the welfare of work permit holders living and working in Jersey was upheld through the Work Permit Policy (‘WPP’), and how issues faced by work permit holders were addressed.

The Panel considered evidence and made recommendations and key findings in relation to the following issues affecting the welfare of work permit holders in Jersey:

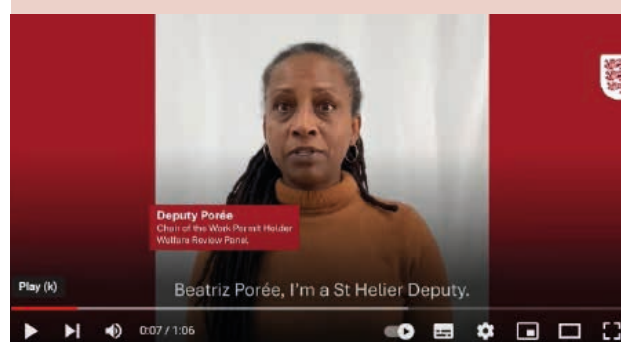
- information for work permit holders on living and working in Jersey;
- employment, conditions and support;
- Modern Slavery and exploitation;
- accommodation; and
- healthcare

In total, the Panel made 30 key findings and 25 recommendations. The accessibility and availability of information for work permit holders was a key theme touched on throughout the Panel’s review and was central to a number of the Panel’s key findings and recommendations.

The Ministerial Response to the Panel’s review ‘accepted’ five recommendations and ‘partially accepted’ another five recommendations. However, 10 recommendations were ‘rejected’ and a further five recommendations were marked as ‘accepted and completed’. In response, the Panel expressed its disappointment at the Ministerial Response with the then Minister for Justice and Home Affairs, including the lack of target dates for action or completion, consideration of the evidence received by the Panel during its review, as well as the overall tone of the response, and requested an update in relation to the points made by the Panel.

The review provided a successful example of the use of online surveys, which can be employed to gain qualitative and quantitative evidence for Scrutiny Reviews. For the Review Panel, the survey was made available in six languages. A total of 209 responses was received (which represented 8% of the total number of work permit holders granted in 2022 (2,598)). Although most responses were English, some Islanders participated in their native language:

Survey (language)	Responses
English	177
Tagalog (Filipino)	19
Polish	5
Portuguese	4
Romanian	2
Swahil	2



Introduction to the States Greffe

The States Greffe is constituted in accordance with the States of Jersey Law 2005 to ensure that the work of the States Assembly, its Committees and Panels and individual Members (with their parliamentary duties) is supported. In fulfilling these responsibilities, the department must also adhere to the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey.

The Greffier of the States is chief officer, accountable officer and head of the department. The Greffier is appointed by the Bailiff (President of the States) with the consent of the States Assembly and is therefore accountable to both for the performance of her duties. The Deputy Greffier of the States is appointed by the Greffier with the consent of the Bailiff.

Under the States of Jersey Law, the Greffier may appoint other individuals to ensure functions are delivered; collectively these individuals form the States Greffe. Whilst the Greffier and Deputy Greffier are officeholders, all other individuals appointed to the States Greffe are classed as States employees in accordance with the provisions of the Employment of States of Jersey Employees (Jersey) Law 2005. The constitutional independence of the States Greffe (and of the Assembly) and its separation from the Government of Jersey is maintained by provisions in the States of Jersey Law that no-one can be appointed to (or dismissed from) the States Greffe without the Greffier's consent; and no officer of the States Greffe can be directed in their duties or functions by any Minister, the States Employment Board, the Chief Executive Officer or anyone acting on their behalf. Nevertheless, as States Greffe staff are public employees, the department adheres to, and follows, codes of practice and public sector HR policies issued by the States Employment Board (SEB); and the Greffier of the States is accountable to SEB in that regard.

Alongside its parliamentary functions, the States Greffe undertakes other services. The States Greffe is required under the States of Jersey Law to provide a secretariat service to the Council of Ministers. By agreement, the department also provides such services to other public bodies, for which Service Level Agreements have been put in place. 2023 was a busy year for the 4- strong Secretariat Team, during which they attended 167 meetings (an average of 13 per month), including 32 meetings of the SEB, 30 meetings of the Council of Ministers and 22 meetings of the Recovery from Major Incidents Group. The team also provided secretariat services to Jersey Overseas Aid, the Privileges and Procedures Committee, the Planning Committee, Legislation Advisory Panel, Future Places

Ministerial Group, Safeguarding Ministerial Group, Probation Board, Emergencies Council and Charitable Funds Oversight Board. In addition, the team quality assured 915 Ministerial Decisions over the course of the year, covering a huge variety of matters, including a number of controversial decisions which attracted significant public interest.

In accordance with the provisions of the Legislation (Jersey) Law 2021, the Principal Legislative Drafter also reports to the Greffier of the States. 2023 saw the lodging of 41 legislative propositions, the most significant of which was the draft Children and Civil Status (Amendments) Law 202- which sought to make significant improvements to children's rights and enable equal treatment of all parents irrespective of gender and/or marital status. In addition to the legislative propositions, a series of Ministerial Orders on a wide variety of subjects were also drafted and made. The Legislative Drafting team's work on 'Rules as Code' became a separately funded Computer-Readable Legislation Project from the beginning of 2023, investigating how to make the logical structure of draft legislation computer-readable so that computers can answer questions about the legislation. In 2023 the team worked on logical parsing of standard provisions and also looked for ways to use the new generative Artificial Intelligence models (such as ChatGPT) in this work.

There are also a number of independent bodies and office-holders with which the States Greffe (either through the Greffier of the States or through PPC) has a statutory relationship and for which it also provides administrative support or assistance –

- Commissioner for Standards, in accordance with the Commissioner for Standards (Jersey) Law 2017;
- Referendum Commission, in accordance with the Referendum (Jersey) Law 2017;
- Jersey Electoral Authority, in accordance with the Elections (Jersey) Law 2002; and
- States of Jersey Complaints Panel, in accordance with the Administrative Decisions (Review) (Jersey) Law 1982.

Led by the Greffier of the States, the department is managed by a Senior Leadership Team (SLT) also comprising the Deputy Greffier of the States, the two Assistant Greffiers of the States and the Head of Digital and Public Engagement. The Principal Legislative Drafter also attends SLT meetings. Monthly meetings are held by the SLT with the department's Finance, HR and Modernisation and Digital (M&D) Business Partners.

Under the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019, the Greffier of the States is Accountable Officer for the States Greffe, which is a Non-Ministerial States Body under the Law. In this regard, the Greffier reports, and is accountable, to PPC, which approves and oversees the budget for the States Assembly. To respect the constitutional independence of the States Assembly, the annual Government Plan must include PPC's estimates for the Assembly's expenditure limits as submitted without amendment, unless done so through a debate by the Assembly as a whole. The Greffier operates a scheme of delegation whereby other members of the department's SLT are budget holders for the purpose of day-to-day management. The department follows the Public Finances Manual as well as the Procurement policy when engaging suppliers and other external bodies.

IT provision for the department is maintained through a relationship with the Government's M&D department; although the States Greffe operates a number of significant assets outwith of this relationship in light of the functions of the States Assembly. Contractors have therefore been engaged for the provision of transcription services, audio services and recordings, and webcasting in order that the proceedings of the States Assembly and its Committees and Panels are made accessible.

The States Greffe is a scheduled public authority under the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 and therefore responds to requests submitted for information relating either to the department or to the States Assembly. In 2023, the department was sole, or lead, respondent for 12 requests and co-operated with other departments on 13 further requests. The department is a data controller in accordance with the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2018. The corporate Data Protection Officer (DPO) serves as the DPO for the department as well. 3 data breaches were recorded in 2023 one of which required reporting to the Jersey Office of the Information Commissioner (JOIC). In accordance with the Public Records (Jersey) Law 2002, a retention schedule has been agreed with the Archivist for the public records held by the States Greffe. In terms of Health and Safety (H&S), the department has an identified member of staff who forms part of the corporate H&S community and who reports to the SLT.

Although activity is directed and heavily influenced by the political decisions of the States Assembly, its Committees and Panels and the requests received from individual members, the States Greffe undertakes an annual business planning process in order to identify key objectives for the year. A report on the objectives set for 2023 is included below.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	2021 (£)	2022 (£)	2023 (£)
Staff	2,153,970	2,528,521	2,841,840
Scrutiny: fees etc	198,845	31,121	19,259
Members' facilities	128,142	186,644	120,634
Premises and related costs	108,951	112,927	113,928
Digital and public engagement (non staff)	85,668	297,250	197,996
Transcription (including AV)	83,717	100,229	101,111
Office equipment and supplies	73,156	28,127	20,485
Privileges and Procedures Committee: fees, contracts	58,670	9,730	8,000
Inter-parliamentary activity	50,290	110,151	126,370
Conference and course fees	24,894	9,066	26,513
Other costs	4,044	58,552	105,680
Complaints	-	1,800	37,100
Income and recharges	(7,150)	(3,316)	(3,782)
States Greffe sub-total	2,963,197	3,477,434	3,718,887
Members' remuneration	2,870,537	2,638,470	2,819,347
Legislative Drafting Office	1,372,611	1,133,184	1,594,934
Total	7,206,345	7,249,088	8,133,168

The States Assembly budget increased in 2023 following the Assembly's adoption of the Government Plan 2023-2026, which included revenue expenditure growth in the following areas:

- States Members' Facilities, including increased staffing support and funding for training, the provision of office facilities in 23 Hill Street, and addressing shortfalls relating to transcription and webcasting costs and the membership fees for inter-parliamentary organisations;
- Public Engagement, to ensure the implementation of initiatives designed to increase civic engagement by the Island's population;
- Hosting the annual conference of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly (BIPA);
- Delivery of the 'Rules as Code' project by the Legislative Drafting Office; and
- Additional resource within the Legislative Drafting Office to reflect increases in the number of instructions being issued.

PROGRESS AGAINST 2023 BUSINESS PLAN OBJECTIVES

The following table set out the principal commitments made in the States Greff Business Plan for 2023 and the action taken during the year in relation to each matter.

Business plan commitment	Action taken	Status
Support PPC in the implementation of recommendations from the Jersey Electoral Authority and the CPA Election Observation Mission about the Island's system of election to the States Assembly.	The report of the Jersey Electoral Authority (JEA) was submitted to PPC in December 2022; and the Committee considered the recommendations alongside those contained within the Electoral Observation Mission's report. Prospective amendments to the Island's election legislation were discussed throughout the year with Law Drafting instructions to be completed in early 2024.	Carried forward as of 31/12/2023
Re-establish the automatic voter registration project, working in collaboration with Government Departments (including M&D, Policy and Economy) with the goal of automatic registration being in place ahead of the 2026 election.	A working party was established during the year, comprising representation from the States Greffe, the Parishes and the Government. Proposals were developed and, with the endorsement of PPC, growth funding was included and allocated in the Government Plan 2024-2027 for the establishment of a Project Board in order that work on automatic voter registration could continue.	Carried forward as of 31/12/2023

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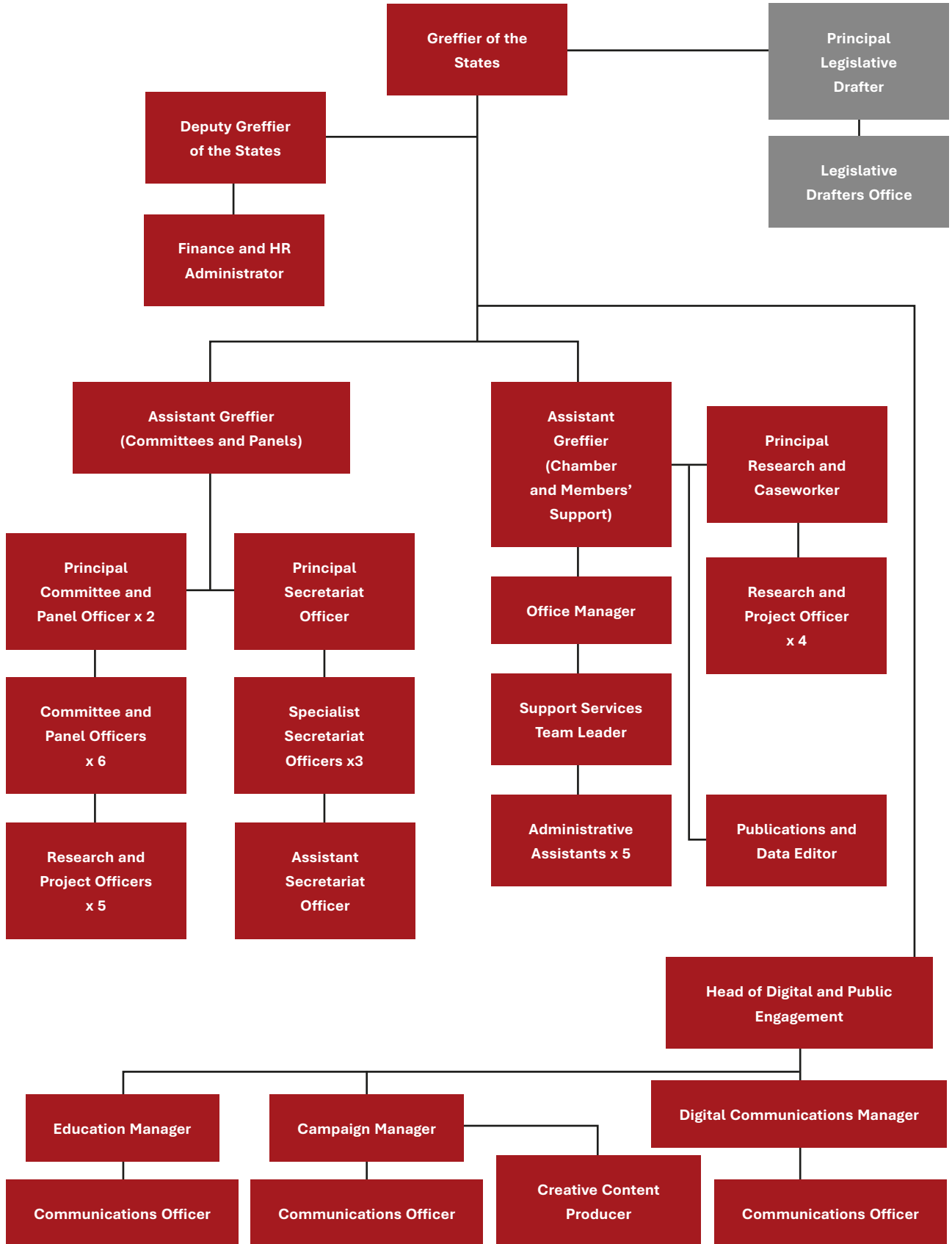
Business plan commitment	Action taken	Status
Present a comprehensive States Members' Training and Development Programme to PPC.	Consideration was given by PPC to a training programme in February 2023 and the programme was endorsed. A bespoke course for elected Members entitled 'Negotiating for Better Success in Politics' was procured from, and developed by, an independent provider.	Completed
Launch the new States Assembly website.	Work on the new website continued throughout 2023. Whilst good progress was made, further development was needed and work would therefore be required in 2024.	Carried forward as of 31/12/2023
Develop, and begin implementing, an Outreach Strategy to help reach and engage more Islanders with the work of the States Assembly.	The development of an Outreach Strategy was dependent upon the recruitment of an Outreach Manager within the States Greffe. As this recruitment took some time, and had not been completed before the end of the year, work on the Strategy would be needed in 2024.	Carried forward as of 31/12/2023
Present proposals to PPC for the enhancement of facilities for States Members, incorporating the States Building, 23 Hill Street and Constituency Offices.	In June 2023, 23 Hill Street was opened for use as an office by elected States Members acting in an individual capacity. Improvements were also made to the use of the facilities within the States Building (including an improved booking system for meeting and briefing spaces).	Completed
Investigate and develop options for improved support for States Members with their constituency work.	The Constituency Office Sub-Committee reported to PPC in June 2023. Following the endorsement of PPC, growth funding was allocated in the Government Plan 2024-2027 for the introduction of a Constituency Support Team within the States Greffe.	Completed

PROGRESS AGAINST 2023 BUSINESS PLAN OBJECTIVES (continued)

Business plan commitment	Action taken	Status
<p>Publish a procedural manual which explains how Standing Orders are implemented and includes details of rulings and precedents.</p>	<p>Work was ongoing within the States Greffe to ensure an accurate record of procedural developments, precedents and rulings was kept; with an up-to-date guide maintained for the use of the Bailiff, Deputy Bailiff and States Greffe. Work was not concluded, however, on publishing a version of this document for wider reference and use.</p>	<p>Ongoing as of 31/12/2023</p>
<p>Present proposals to PPC, under the auspices of the CPA regional disabilities network, for how the States Assembly can better meet the needs of people with disabilities.</p>	<p>The Diversity Forum considered the recommendations of the States Chamber Access Audit Report 2018 with a view to ensuring the recommendations had been implemented. This work had not been completed by year-and further would be required in 2024.</p>	<p>Carried forward as of 31/12/2023</p>
<p>Deliver the first-ever meeting in Jersey of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly.</p>	<p>The meeting took place from 14th to 16th May 2023.</p>	<p>Completed</p>
<p>Develop a CPD programme for Island teachers in order to help build confidence in delivering political education in schools.</p>	<p>Work commenced in 2023 under the aegis of the States Greffe’s Education Manager. However, a subsequent vacancy within the role meant that it was not possible to complete work on the objective before the end of the year and further work would be needed in 2024.</p>	<p>Carried forward as of 31/12/2023</p>

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APPENDIX 1: MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATES ASSEMBLY IN 2023

The States Assembly comprises 49 elected members and 5 non-elected members. The elected element consists of 12 Connétables and 37 Deputies. The non-elected element comprises the Bailiff, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the Dean, HM Attorney General and HM Solicitor General. The Deputy Bailiff deputises in the Bailiff's absence. Listed below is the membership for 2023 and, for elected Members, the roles they played. Where changes occurred in respect of the latter, the date on which such changes took effect are indicated.

Elected Members	First sworn in as States Member	Role
Connétable Simon Crowcroft of St. Helier	12.12.1996	Assistant Chief Minister (from 27 November 2023)
Connétable Michael Jackson of St. Brelade	11.11.2005	Chair, Comité des Connétables
Connétable Deidre Mezbourian of St. Lawrence	05.12.2005	
Connétable Philip Le Sueur of Trinity	03.11.2014	Chair, Planning Committee
Connétable Richard Vibert of St. Peter	01.06.2018	Assistant Minister for Children and Education
Connétable Karen Shenton-Stone of St. Martin	01.06.2018	Chair, Privileges and Procedures Committee
Connétable Andy Jehan of St. John	09.04.2021	Assistant Chief Minister and Vice-Chair, States Employment Board (until 25 November 2023)
Connétable Marcus Troy of St. Clement	30.07.2021	
Connétable David Johnson of St. Mary	03.11.2014	
Connétable Kevin Lewis of St. Saviour	05.12.2005	
Connétable Richard Honeycombe of St. Ouen	27.06.2022	
Connétable Mark Labey of Grouville	27.06.2022	
Deputy Geoff Southern of St. Helier Central	15.02.2002	Chair of the Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel (until 1 March 2023)
Deputy Carolyn Labey of Grouville and St. Martin	12.12.2002	Minister for International Development and Chair, Jersey Overseas Aid Commission
Deputy Montfort Tadier of St. Brelade	08.12.2008	President of the Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie (Jersey Branch)

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Elected Members	First sworn in as States Member	Role
Deputy Steve Luce of Grouville and St. Martin	13.11.2011	Chair, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel
Deputy Louise Doublet of St. Saviour	03.11.2014	Assistant Minister for Children and Education and Assistant Minister for Justice and Home Affairs
Deputy Kirsten Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity	01.06.2018	Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Culture and Sport (title changed to Sustainable Economic Development from 24 November 2023)
Deputy Mary Le Hegarat of St. Helier North	01.06.2018	
Deputy Steve Ahier of St. Helier North	01.06.2018	Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources
Deputy Rob Ward of St. Helier Central	01.06.2018	Chair, Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel (from 21 March 2023). Chair, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (Jersey Branch)
Deputy Carina Alves of St. Helier Central	01.06.2018	
Deputy Inna Gardiner of St. Helier North	01.03.2019	Minister for Children and Education
Deputy Ian Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter	05.12.2005	Minister for Treasury and Resources
Deputy Lyndon Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter	09.12.1999	
Deputy Kristina Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter	14.11.2011	Chief Minister and Chair of the States Employment Board
Deputy Sam Mézec of St. Helier South	07.03.2014	President of the Scrutiny Liaison Committee and Chair, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel
Deputy Philip Ozouf of St. Saviour	09.12.1999	Minister for External Relations and Financial Services (title changed to External Relations from 12 April 2023)
Deputy Sir Philip Bailhache of St. Clement	20.12.1972	
Deputy Tom Coles of St. Helier South	27.06.2022	
Deputy Beatriz Porée of St. Helier South	27.06.2022	
Deputy David Warr of St. Helier South	27.06.2022	Minister for Housing and Communities
Deputy Helen Miles of St. Brelade	27.06.2022	Minister for Home Affairs (title changed to Justice and Home Affairs from 21 September 2023)
Deputy Moz Scott of St. Brelade	27.06.2022	Chair of the Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel
Deputy Jonathan Renouf of St. Brelade	27.06.2022	Minister for the Environment
Deputy Catherine Curtis of St. Helier Central	27.06.2022	Chair of the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel
Deputy Lyndsay Feltham of St. Helier Central	27.06.2022	Chair of the Public Accounts Committee
Deputy Rose Binet of Grouville and St. Martin	27.06.2022	Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services

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Elected Members	First sworn in as States Member	Role
Deputy Hilary Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity	27.06.2022	Assistant Minister for the Environment and for Home Affairs (Justice and Home Affairs from 21 September 2023)
Deputy Elaine Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity	27.06.2022	Minister for Social Security and Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources
Deputy Andy Howell of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity	27.06.2022	
Deputy Tom Binet of St. Saviour	27.06.2022	Minister for Infrastructure
Deputy Malcolm Ferey of St. Saviour	27.06.2022	Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services, and for Social Security
Deputy Raluca Kovacs of St. Saviour	27.06.2022	
Deputy Alex Curtis of St. Clement	27.06.2022	Assistant Chief Minister and Assistant Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Culture and Sport (title changed to Sustainable Economic Development from 24 November 2023)
Deputy Barbara Ward of St. Clement	27.06.2022	
Deputy Karen Wilson of St. Clement	27.06.2022	Minister for Health and Social Services
Deputy Lucy Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter	27.06.2022	Assistant Chief Minister and Assistant Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Culture and Sport (title changed to Sustainable Economic Development from 24 November 2023), and for Infrastructure
Deputy Max Andrews of St. Helier North	27.06.2022	

NON-ELECTED MEMBERS

Sir Timothy John Le Cocq, Bailiff, President (Appointed 17 October 2019)

Vice-Admiral Jeremy Paul Kyd CBE, Lieutenant Governor (Appointed 8 October 2022)

Robert James MacRae, Deputy Bailiff (Appointed 6 January 2020)

The Very Reverend Michael Keirle, Dean of Jersey (Appointed 7 September 2017)

Mark Howard Temple, KC, HM Attorney General (Appointed 9 March 2020)

Advocate Matthew Jowitt, KC, HM Solicitor General (Appointed 1 May 2020)

OFFICERS OF THE STATES

Lisa-Marie Hart, Greffier of the States (Appointed 29 April 2022)

William Millow, Deputy Greffier of the States (Appointed 1 August 2022)

Advocate Matthew Swann, Viscount (Appointed 17 June 2022) Retired in November 2023

Advocate Mark Harris, Deputy Viscount (Appointed 28 January 2013) Appointed Viscount in November 2023



States Assembly Demographic Data

Age and Length of Service

Average age, 1 July 2022	55.98
Average age, 31 December 2023	56.41
Average length of service, 31 December 2023	7 years

Longest serving member of the Assembly (March 2022)	Connétable A.S. Crowcroft of St. Helier (first elected 1996)
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GENDER DISTRIBUTION ON STATES ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES AND PANELS

Scrutiny Panel/Committee Name	Female Members	Male Members	Chair	Vice-Chair
Privileges and Procedures Committee	4	2	F	F
Political Awareness and Education Sub-Committee	3	3	F	M
Diversity Forum	6	1	F	F
States Members' Pension Sub-Committee	1	2	M	-
Constituency Offices Sub-Committee	6	4	F	F
Machinery of Government Sub-Committee	5	1	M	M
Scrutiny Liaison Committee	3	3	M	F
Health and Social Security	4	1	M	F
Children, Education and Home Affairs	2	1	F	F
Corporate Services	0	3	M	M
Environment, Housing and Infrastructure	1	2	M	M
Economic and International Affairs	1	1	F	M
Public Accounts Committee	3	2	F	F
Planning Committee	3	7	M	M
Comité des Connétables	2	10	M	F

States Assembly Meeting Data

NUMBER OF STATES MEETING DAYS¹

	No. of meeting days for ordinary business	Ceremonial meetings	Total number of meeting days
2001	34	3	37
2002	45	2	47
2003	36	1	37
2004	47	2	49
2005	48	1	49
2006	35	3	38
2007	44	1	45
2008	50	1	51
2009	59	1	60
2010	49	1	50
2011	61	3	64
2012	34	2	36
2013	40	2	42
2014	47	1	48
2015	32	1	33
2016	32	1	33
2017	42	1	43
2018	33	1	34
2019	34	1	35
2020	59	1	60
2021	43	1	44
2022	44	5	49
2023	32	1	33

BREAKDOWN OF TIME AT STATES MEETINGS²

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Roll call and announcements	8h 34m	5h 59m	8h 04m	3h 49m
Notice of propositions and other preliminaries	48m	39m	39m	41m
Appointments	59m	6h 20m	16h 40m	1h 10m
Questions	61h 21m	43h 53m	23h 54m	41h 3m
Statements	5h 19m	4h 03m	4h 37m	5h 43m
Public business	244h 08m	173h 19m	190h 28m	111h 51m
Arrangement of future business	12h 54m	6h 32m	6h 39m	3h 29m
Total sitting time	334h 03m	240h 45m	251h 01m	167h 46m
Proportion of total time on Public business	73.08%	71.99%	75.88%	66.67%

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TIME SPENT ON ORAL QUESTIONS³

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Oral with notice	32h 52m	29h 44m	15h 51m	28h 45m
Oral without notice	23h 37m	12h 02m	7h 37m	11h 52m
Urgent oral questions	4h 04m	2h	25m	21m
Total oral questions	56h 33m	43h 46m	23h 53m	41h 3m

NUMBER OF ORAL QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE⁴ BY RESPONDENT⁵

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Chief Minister	46	71	37	13	37
Children and Education	15	15	14	10	16
Sustainable Economic Development	14	25	14	6	18
Environment	16	17	13	8	16
External Relations	7	3	4	4	4
Health and Social Services	43	73	35	17	30
Justice and Home Affairs	19	14	15	4	17
Housing and Communities	10	20	9	6	19
Infrastructure	36	35	16	21	27
International Development	0	1	1	0	1
Social Security	17	17	20	15	24
Treasury and Resources	25	22	19	9	21
Comité des Connétables	2	3	0	1	1
Privileges and Procedures Committee	5	7	2	1	2
States Employment Board	24	14	4	6	13
Attorney General	4	13	10	3	1
Scrutiny Liaison Committee	0	1	0	0	0
Scrutiny Panels	1	0	1	0	0
Other	1	5	2	0	1
Total	285	356	221	124	248
Unanswered	0	0	12	11	6

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ORAL QUESTIONS TO MINISTER WITHOUT NOTICE BY TIME⁶

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Chief Minister	2h 34m	2h 9m	2h 13m	2h 41m	4h 10m
Deputy Chief Minister	-	-	-	-	15m
Children and Education	45m	30m	45m	31m	42m
Sustainable Economic Development	47m	32m	51m	15m	48m
Environment	46m	47m	47m	30m	30m
External Relations	26m	13m	45m	15m	39m
Health and Social Services	32m	46m	48m	14m	64m
Justice and Home Affairs	32m	35m	27m	22m	38m
Housing and Communities	59m	39m	47m	33m	30m
Infrastructure	32m	31m	30m	29m	47m
International Development	17m	31m	29m	30m	39m
Social Security	59m	31m	29m	31m	44m
Treasury and Resources	39m	33m	30m	31m	45m
Total	9h 39m	8h 13m	9h 35m	7h 37m	12h 11m

WRITTEN QUESTIONS BY RESPONDENT⁷

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Chief Minister	65	65	63	36	72
Children and Education	29	29	44	28	36
Sustainable Economic Development	26	14	16	13	27
Environment	33	27	35	29	41
External Relations	10	3	7	5	1
Health and Social Services	84	107	80	49	58
Justice and Home Affairs	47	17	26	16	21
Housing and Communities	21	28	12	14	28
Infrastructure	54	29	38	18	36
International Development	2	2	3	0	0
Social Security	31	30	26	25	52
Treasury and Resources	57	48	46	43	52
Comité des Connétables	0	2	3	6	2
Privileges and Procedures Committee	5	9	6	10	8
States Employment Board	38	38	17	15	48
Attorney General	22	12	18	5	3
Scrutiny Liaison Committee	3	1	1	0	1
Scrutiny Panels	0	0	0	1	0
Other	2	0	1	4	1
Total	529	461	442	317	487



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STATEMENTS MADE BY POSITION⁸

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Chief Minister	4	6	3	1	4
Children and Education	1	1	0	0	0
Sustainable Economic Development	2	0	0	0	2
Environment	0	0	1	0	1
External Relations	2	1	0	2	0
Health and Social Services	0	0	0	2	0
Justice and Home Affairs	1	1	0	0	0
Housing and Communities	3	1	0	1	0
Infrastructure	0	1	0	1	2
International Development	0	0	1	1	0
Social Security	0	1	0	2	0
Treasury and Resources	0	0	1	0	1
Comité des Connétables	0	0	0	0	0
Privileges and Procedures Committee	1	0	0	0	0
States Employment Board	0	0	0	0	0
Scrutiny Liaison Committee	0	0	0	0	0
Scrutiny Panels	0	0	1	0	0
Other	4	0	0	1	1
Personal	2	1	4	1	2
Total	20	13	11	12	13
Time taken	6h 3m	5h 19m	4h 3m	4h 37m	5h 43m

NUMBER OF PROPOSITIONS AND AMENDMENTS LODGED AU GREFFE⁹

Proposition lodged by	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Government (Council of Ministers or individual Minister)	78	108	85	75	53
PPC	11	6	14	9	8
Scrutiny	2	2	3	1	0
Senator in own name	8	5	8	7	N/A
Connétable in own name	2	4	4	3	2
Deputy in own name	28	47	12	24	42
Total	129	172	126	119	105
Subsequently Withdrawn	24	23	7	10	14

Amendment lodged by	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Government (Council of Ministers or individual Minister)	26	34	32	36	26
PPC	1	0	2	0	0
Scrutiny	24	23	24	7	20
Senator in own name	5	7	9	1	N/A
Connétable in own name	12	11	10	12	2
Deputy in own name	51	44	14	49	49
Total	119	119	91	105	95

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NUMBER OF PROPOSITIONS DEBATED DURING STATES MEETINGS¹⁰

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Appointments	13	13	11	7	7
Draft Act	10	3	5	5	6
Draft Law	21	11	26	35	10
Draft Regulations	40	62	31	30	23
Standing Order	9	9	4	8	3
Medium Term Financial Plan/ Budget/ Government Plan	1	1	1	1	1
Minister/Government policy	2	11	13	11	5
Petition	0	0	0	0	0
Independent Member policy	32	40	24	30	34
Privileges and Procedures	1	2	1	1	
Committee policy					
Scrutiny policy	-	-	2	1	
In committee debate	3	4	2	2	1
Vote of No Confidence/ Censure	-	1	1	0	2
Total	132	156	121	131	91

TIME SPENT ON PROPOSITIONS DURING STATES MEETING BY PROPOSITION TYPE

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Appointments	1h 50m	1h 09m	4h 08m	2h 02m	39m
Legal Act	56m	1h 08m	3h 18m	1h 01m	1h 13m
Draft Law	16h 48m	5h 27m	60h 04m	19h 41m	3h 27m
Regulations	12h 11m	51h 46m	39h 50m	9h 12m	13h 21m
Standing Order	6h	6h 18m	3h 44m	2h 11m	1h 24m
Medium Term Financial Plan /Budget/Government Plan	-	20h 36m	43h	22h 59m	23h 41m
Minister's policy	31h 49m	24h 08m	64h 36m	82h 28m	8h 28m
Petition	-	-	-	-	-
Independent Member policy	55h 06m	75h 40m	95h 52m	45h 58m	56h 8m
Privileges and Procedures	1h 20m	17h 07m	4h 10m	19m	-
Committee policy					
Scrutiny policy	-	-	14h 24m	1h 45m	-
In committee debate	7h 31m	14h 19m	12h	2h 50m	3h 11m
Vote of No Confidence/ Censure	-	8h 19m	-	-	3h 54m
Total	133h 31m	225h 57m	345h 06m	190h 26m	111h 51m

TIME SPENT PRESIDING BY PRESIDING OFFICERS IN 2023¹¹

Sir Timothy Le Cocq, Bailiff	118h 6 m
Robert MacRae, Deputy Bailiff	42h 2m
Lisa-Marie Hart, Greffier of the States	5h 40m
William Millow, Deputy Greffier of the States	1h 40m

States Member Participation Statistics

CONNÉTABLES	Questions asked ¹²	Projects proposed for debate ¹³	Statements made	Speeches made during debates ¹⁴	Present at roll call	Arrived after absent at roll call	Malade (absent due to illness)	Absent de l'île (absent - out of Island)	Parental Respons-ibilities	Défaut Excusé (absence excused by the Assembly)	Défaut
Simon Crowcroft	25	1	0	14	27	1	3	0	0	1	0
Deidre Mezbourian	19	0	0	6	22	0	0	0	0	8	2
Michael Jackson	55	1	0	40	30	1	0	1	0	0	0
Philip Le Sueur	8	0	0	7	30	0	0	0	0	1	1
Richard Vibert	0	0	0	4	27	2	1	1	0	0	1
Karen Shenton-Stone	12	2	0	19	29	0	2	0	0	1	0
Andy Jehan	2	0	0	14	30	0	0	0	0	2	0
Marcus Troy	8	0	0	13	31	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mark Labey	4	0	0	8	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richard Honeycombe	1	0	0	2	31	1	0	0	0	0	0
David Johnson	4	0	0	19	30	1	0	0	0	1	0
Kevin Lewis	28	0	0	13	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Geoff Southern	104	2	0	18	27	1	0	0	0	2	2
Carolyn Labey	0	1	0	7	29	0	1	2	0	0	0
Montfort Tadier	109	0	1	61	28	0	0	2	0	1	1
Steve Luce	51	3	0	35	30	0	0	0	0	2	0
Louise Doublet	2	1	0	14	20	3	5	0	0	4	0
Kirsten Morel	3	2	2	30	27	1	0	2	0	0	2
Mary Le Hagarat	8	0	0	11	31	0	0	0	0	1	0
Steve Ahier	0	0	0	8	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rob Ward	147	5	1	67	29	1	1	1	0	0	0
Carina Alves	23	3	0	10	25	4	0	3	0	0	0
Inna Gardiner	2	0	0	13	25	1	4	0	0	2	0
Ian Gorst	0	8	3	34	30	0	0	1	0	0	1
Lyndon Farnham	61	9	1	28	27	5	0	0	0	0	0
Kristina Moore	0	6	5	27	28	1	0	3	0	0	0
Sam Mézec	154	10	0	48	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philip Ozouf	0	1	0	19	7	3	10	5	0	7	0
Sir Philip Bailhache	10	2	0	28	24	2	2	0	0	4	0
Tom Coles	24	2	0	26	29	0	0	3	0	0	0
Beatriz Porée	11	1	0	2	28	1	0	0	0	3	0
David Warr	0	0	0	15	30	1	0	0	0	1	0
Helen Miles	0	2	1	6	29	0	2	1	0	0	0
Moz Scott	82	6	0	78	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonathan Renouf	0	6	1	40	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
Catherine Curtis	23	2	0	20	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lyndsay Feltham	99	0	1	30	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rose Binet	0	0	0	0	31	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hilary Jeune	0	1	0	17	30	1	0	0	0	1	0
Elaine Millar	0	19	1	38	31	1	0	0	0	0	0
Andy Howell	43	1	0	24	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tom Binet	0	1	2	18	30	0	2	0	0	0	0
Malcolm Ferey	0	0	0	20	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
Raluca Kovacs	20	3	1	11	29	0	0	1	0	1	1
Alex Curtis	3	0	0	23	31	0	0	0	0	1	0
Barbara Ward	6	0	0	11	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
Karen Wilson	0	1	0	8	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lucy Stephenson	0	2	0	9	31	1	0	0	0	0	0
Max Andrews	39	10	1	21	32	0	0	0	0	0	0

Notes on Appendices 3 and 4

1. States Meetings are divided between ‘ordinary’ meetings, for which there is a standard Order Paper and standard business – including questions and propositions – is considered; and ‘ceremonial’ meetings where only specific business is considered and there are no political debates. The Liberation Day meeting held each year is a ceremonial meetings, as are any meetings held on the occasion of a Royal Visit.

2. ‘Appointments’ in this context mean those made to Ministerial positions and as Chairs and Members of the Assembly’s various Committees and Panels. Any appointment proposition lodged for debate is included within Public Business. ‘Public Business’ means the time spent debating propositions and any time spent on in-Committee debates.

3. There is an allotted period of 2 hours 20 minutes for Oral Questions with notice at each ordinary meeting of the States Assembly. Ministers face 15 minutes of Oral Questions without notice on a rota basis at each ordinary meeting; with the Chief Minister facing such questions at each meeting. Members may submit Urgent Oral Questions as and when significant matters arise.

4. Under Standing Orders, where an Oral Question with notice is not asked during the period of 2 hours 20 minutes allowed for such questions, a written response must be provided.

5. Ministerial portfolios and titles can be changed by the Chief Minister. In this table and others where comparative figures are provided for previous years, the following Ministers have been taken to be the successor to the portfolios shown below:

Title and Portfolio as of 31/12/2023	Previous Office
Children and Education	Education
Sustainable Economic Development	Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture
External Relations	External Relations and Financial Services
Justice and Home Affairs	Home Affairs
Housing and Communities	Children and Housing

6. It is only in the event that the Chief Minister is unavailable for their period of Oral Questions without notice that the Deputy Chief Minister answers in their stead.

7. Elected States Members may submit Written Questions each week that the Assembly is in Session (January to July and September to December). One Written Question may be submitted in a week when the Assembly is scheduled to meet; 3 Written Questions may be submitted in any other week.

8. Any elected Member with an official responsibility may make a statement in that capacity. All Members are able to make personal statements in their own name.

9. Unless exempted under Standing Orders, all propositions and amendments (proposed changes to propositions) must be lodged; which means they are distributed to States Members and published on the States Assembly website. Propositions, once they have been lodged, can be withdrawn by the proposer before the debate. Since the elections of 2022, the position of Senator no longer exists.

10. Differences between this table and the previous arise because a proposition lodged in one year may not actually be debated until the following year. ‘Policy’ propositions are non-legislative propositions, in that they do not contain a Draft Law, Draft Regulations or a Draft Act.

11. The Bailiff, as President of the States, is the principal Presiding Officer of the Assembly. In the Bailiff’s absence, the Deputy Bailiff presides. Where both the Bailiff and the Deputy Bailiff are absent, the Greffier or Deputy Greffier or an elected Member is asked by the Bailiff to preside.

12. Questions asked by each Member includes any questions asked during the periods of Oral Questions with notice, Oral Questions without notice, as Urgent Oral Questions and during the question period that follows a statement on a matter of official responsibility. Written Questions are not counted; nor are supplementary (follow-up) Oral Questions in any capacity.

13. The States Greffe records which Member makes the proposition during the debate (who makes the proposer’s speech and sums up at the end of the debate). This may be different from the Member who lodged the proposition; for example, an Assistant Minister on behalf of their Minister. Statistics include instances in which a Member has proposed propositions in both official and independent capacities.

14. For Draft Laws and Draft Regulations, elected States Members have three opportunities to speak: in the debate on the principles; in the debate on the individual Articles or Regulations; and in Third Reading. Each is counted as a separate speech for the purpose of the statistics.

Scrutiny and PAC

Publications – Reports, Propositions, Amendments and Comments in 2023

SCRUTINY LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Scrutiny Liaison Committee does not in its own right issue reports; however, it has the ability to present Comments and reports or lodge propositions, should it be required. There were no propositions or Comments lodged in 2023, however, several letters covering various topics were written and sent to the Chief Minister, Ministers and Sub-Committee Chairs. Listed below are letters sent by SLC and any responses received.

- Letter to Chief Minister re Gender Pay Gap Ministerial Response - 23.2.23
- Letter from the Chair of PPC to SLC re Diversity on Scrutiny Panels - 20.4.23
- Letter to the Chair of PPC re Diversity on Scrutiny Panels - 1.6.23
- Letter to Chair of PPC Diversity Sub Committee re Gender Diversity on Panels and Committees - 19.7.23
- Letter from Chief Minister re lodging of Government Plan 2024 – 2027 - 24.7.23
- Letter to Chief Minister re lodging of Government Plan 2024 – 2027 - 26.7.23
- Letter to Chief Minister re P.149/2014 – Freedom of Information (FOI): Extension to Companies owned or controlled by the States - 9.11.23
- Letter from Chief Minister re P.149 - Freedom of Information (FOI): Extension to Companies owned or controlled by the States – 10.11.23
- Letter to Minister for Social Security re S.R.1/2023 – Income Support Benefits Overpayment - 13.11.23
- Letter from Minister for Social Security re S.R. 1/2023 - Income Support Benefits Overpayment - 29.11.23
- Letter to Chief Minister re P.149/2014 – Freedom of Information (FOI): Extension to Companies owned or controlled by the States – 6.12.23

- Letter from Chief Minister re P.149 - Freedom of Information (FOI): Extension to Companies owned or controlled by the States – 20.12.23

CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND HOME AFFAIRS PANEL

- Comments - Proposed Government Plan 2024-2027 [P.72/2023]
- Amendment – Proposed Government Plan 2024-2027: Expanding early years nursery provision and childcare support [P.72/2023(Amd24)]
- Amendment – Proposed Government Plan 2024-2027: Le Rocquier School Community Sports Facilities [P.72/2023(Amd21)]
- Comments – Draft Commissioner for Children and Young People (Amendment of Law) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.12/2023]
- Comments – Draft Marriage and Civil partnership (Amendments) (Jersey) Law 202- [P.112/2022]

CORPORATE SERVICES PANEL

- Report – Government Plan 2024-2027 Review [S.R.4/2023]
- Amendment – Proposed Government Plan 2024-2027: Value for Money Savings [P.72/2023(Amd.12)]
- Comments – Draft Income Tax (High Value Residents – Amendment) (Jersey) Law 202- [P.29/2023(Com.)]
- Comments – Draft Control of Housing and Work (Residential and Employment Status) (Amendment No.2) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.20/2023(Com.)]
- Comments – Draft Probate (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 202- [P.16/2023(Com.)]

ECONOMIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PANEL

- Amendment: Proposed Government Plan 2024-2027: Alcohol Duty [P.72/2023(Amd.25)]
- Amendment: Proposed Government Plan 2024-2027: Fuel Duty [P.72/2023(Amd.26)]
- Amendment: Proposed Government Plan 2024-2027: Jersey Business Revenue Expenditure [P.72/2023(Amd.27)]
- Amendment: Proposed Government Plan 2024-2027: Economy Strategy Implementation Revenue Expend [P.72/2023(Amd.28)]
- Amendment: Draft Finance (2024 Budget) (Jersey) Law 202- (P.91/2023): fourth amendment [P.91/2023(Amd.4)]
- Amendment: Draft Finance (2024 Budget) (Jersey) Law 202- (P.91/2023): third amendment [P.91/2023(Amd.3)]
- Comments – Proposed Government Plan 2024-2027 [P.72/2023(Com.5)]
- Comments – Draft Register of Names and Addresses (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 202- [P.56/2023(Com)]
- Comments – Draft Financial Services (Amendment of Law) (No.6) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.54/2023(Com)]
- Comments – Draft EU legislation (Information Accompanying Transfers of Funds) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.36/2023(Com)]
- Comments – Regulation of Estate Agents [P.13/2023(Amd)(Com)]
- Comments – Assembly Consideration of the bilateral investments treaty with the UAE: Second Amendment [P.6/2023(Amd.2)(Com)]
- Comments – Draft Sanctions and Asset-Freezing (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 202-[P.4/2023(Com)]

ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE PANEL

- Amendment – Draft Public Health And Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202 – (P.40/2023): Eleventh Amendment (P.40/2023 Amd.(11))

- Amendment – Draft Public Health And Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202 – (P.40/2023): Eleventh Amendment (P.40/2023 Amd.(11))
- Comments - Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202 – (P.40/2023): Comments [P.40/2023 Com]

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY PANEL

- Report – Review of Income Support Benefit Overpayments [S.R.1/2023]
- Comments – Proposed Government Plan 2024-2027 [P.72/2023 (Com)]
- Health And Community Services Interim Board (P.19/2023): Comments [P.19/2023 Com.]
- Draft Social Security (Amendment Of Law No.18) (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.24/2023): Comments [P.24/2023 Com].

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

- Report - States Annual Report and Accounts 2021 [P.A.C.1/2023]
- Comments - States Annual Report and Accounts 2022 [R.73-2023 Com.pdf]
- Report papered in 2023 waiting publication - Performance Management - Follow up Scrutiny Review [Report in preparation]

FUTURE HOSPITAL REVIEW PANEL

- Comments – Proposed Government Plan 2023 – 2026: Twentieth Amendment [P.97/2022]
- Report – New Healthcare Facilities Programme Review – Interim Report [S.R.3/2023]
- Comments – Proposed Government Plan 2024 – 2027 [P.72/2023]

WORK PERMIT HOLDER WELFARE REVIEW PANEL

- Report – Review of Work Permit Holder Welfare [S.R.2/2023]

Scrutiny and PAC – Facts and Figures

Note: ‘Total Letters Published’ refers to letters that have been sent by the Panel/Committee.

SCRUTINY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Total Committee Meetings Held 2023	11
COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE	
Deputy Sam Mézec	10
Deputy Lyndsay Feltham	11
Deputy Sir Philip Bailhache (Acting Chair from 1 March 2023 to 21 March 2023)	Attended 1 meeting
Deputy Catherine Curtis	9
Deputy Steve Luce	7
Deputy Moz Scott	11
Deputy Geoff Southern (from 22 July 2022 to 27 February 2023)	Attended 2 meetings
Deputy Rob Ward (from 21 March to January 2024)	7 (out of 8 as Panel Chair)
Total Letters Published	7

CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND HOME AFFAIRS PANEL

Total Committee Meetings Held 2023	62
COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE	
Deputy Catherine Curtis (Chair)	61
Connétable Mark Labey (Vice-Chair)	53
Deputy Beatriz Porée	49
Connétable Marcus Troy (appointed to the Panel 12 September 2023)	12
Total Quarterly Public Hearings Held	8
Total Review Hearings Held	2
Total Letters Published	15
Total Recommendations Made	6
Total Recommendations Accepted	0
Total Recommendations Partially Accepted	0
Total Recommendations Rejected	0
Total Findings Made	14
Total Amendments	2
Amendments Adopted	2
Amendments Defeated	0
Amendments Withdrawn	0

APPENDIX 7

CORPORATE SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL

Total Committee Meetings Held 2023	60
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COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Deputy Sam Mézec (Chair)	56
Deputy Max Andrews (Vice-Chair)	58
Deputy Lyndon Farnham	44
Deputy Rob Ward (resigned from the Panel on 28 March 2023)	8
Total Quarterly Public Hearings Held	8
Total Review Hearings Held	5
Total Letters Published	39
Total Recommendations Made	25
Total Recommendations Accepted	0
Total Recommendations Partially Accepted	0
Total Recommendations Rejected	0
Total Recommendations Deferred	25*
Total Findings Made	45
Total Amendments	1
Amendments Adopted	1
Amendments Defeated	0
Amendments Withdrawn	0

Note: The working practice of the Corporate Services Panel is, whenever possible, to arrange meetings on one day. Therefore, a record of a meeting for one day may include multiple meetings such as panel meetings, hearings and briefings.

ECONOMIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SCRUTINY PANEL

Total Committee Meetings Held 2023	50
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COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Deputy Moz Scott, Chair	50
Deputy Raluca Kovacs, Vice Chair (resigned from the Panel on 28 March 2023)	13
Deputy Max Andrews (resigned from the Panel on 28 March 2023)	14
Connétable Richard Honeycombe (appointed to the Panel on 19 January 2023)	33
Connétable Marcus Troy (appointed to the Panel on 19 January 2023, resigned from the Panel on 28 June 2023)	18
Total Quarterly Public Hearings Held	10
Total Review Hearings Held	3
Total Letters Published	166
Total Recommendations Made	8
Total Recommendations Accepted	0
Total Recommendations Partially Accepted	0
Total Recommendations Rejected	0
Total Recommendations Deferred	8*
Total Findings Made	0
Total Amendments	6
Amendments Adopted	4
Amendments Defeated	2
Amendments Withdrawn	0

* No response has been received to date.



APPENDIX 7

ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE PANEL

Total Committee Meetings Held 2023	40
COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE	
Deputy Steve Luce (Chair)	35
Connétable Mike Jackson (Vice Chair)	34
Connétable David Johnson (joined the Panel on 2 May 2023)	29
Deputy Mary Le Hegarat	33
Deputy Rob Ward (resigned from the Panel on 29 March 2023)	7
Total Quarterly Public Hearings Held	12
Total Review Hearings Held	4
Total Letters Published	4
Total Recommendations Made	18
Total Recommendations Accepted	1
Total Recommendations Partially Accepted	6
Total Recommendations Rejected	2
Total Findings Made	0
Total Amendments	2*
Amendments Adopted	0
Amendments Defeated	2
Amendments Withdrawn	9

Note: The Panel originally lodged 9 Amendments to the Minister for the Environment’s Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202 proposition. As explained in the Panel’s Comments [P.40/2023 Com], the Panel’s review identified several proposed amendments and recommendations which the Minister for the Environment responded by mostly accepting the Panel’s proposed amendments and recommendations. The Minister for the Environment then lodged his own amendment with the purpose of incorporating 7 out of 9 of the Panel’s proposed amendments. Due to this Amendment, the 9 original Amendments lodged by the Panel were withdrawn and instead the Panel lodged an additional two amendments to the Minister for Environment’s newly lodged amendment.

FUTURE HOSPITAL REVIEW PANEL

Total Committee Meetings Held 2023	29
COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE	
Deputy Sam Mézec	28
Deputy Lyndsay Feltham	29
Deputy Geoffrey Southern (resigned from the Panel in April 2023)	2
Deputy Robert Ward (joined the Panel on 27 April 2023)	19
Connétable Michael Jackson	26
Total Review Hearings Held	3
Total Letters Published	13
Total Recommendations Made	16
Total Recommendations Accepted	5
Total Recommendations Partially Accepted	8
Total Recommendations Rejected	3
Total Findings Made	42

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY PANEL

Total Committee Meetings Held 2023	38
COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE	(1 January – 28 February)
Deputy Geoff Southern (Chair)	2
Deputy Sir Philip Bailhache (Vice-Chair)	2
Deputy Barbara Ward	2
Deputy Beatriz Poree	1
Deputy Andy Howell	2
Total Quarterly Public Hearings Held	0
Total Review Hearings Held	0
Total Letters Published	3
Total Recommendations Made	0
Total Recommendations Accepted	0
Total Recommendations Partially Accepted	0
Total Recommendations Rejected	0
Total Findings Made	0
Total Amendments	0
Amendments Adopted	0
Amendments Defeated	0
Amendments Withdrawn	0
COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE	(28 February- 21 March)
Deputy Sir Philip Bailhache (Vice-Chair)	3
Deputy Barbara Ward	3
Deputy Beatriz Poree	3
Deputy Andy Howell	2
Total Quarterly Public Hearings Held	1
Total Review Hearings Held	0
Total Letters Published	2
Total Recommendations Made	0
Total Recommendations Accepted	0
Total Recommendations Partially Accepted	0
Total Recommendations Rejected	0
Total Findings Made	0
Total Amendments	0
Amendments Adopted	0
Amendments Defeated	0
Amendments Withdrawn	0
COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE	(from 21 March)
Deputy Robert Ward (Chair)	33
Deputy Carina Alves (Vice Chair)	29
Deputy Andy Howell	25
Deputy Beatriz Porée	19
Deputy Barbara Ward	30
Connétable Marcus Troy	12
Total Quarterly Public Hearings Held	7
Total Review Hearings Held	3
Total Letters Published	11
Total Recommendations Made	26
Total Recommendations Accepted	3
Total Recommendations Partially Accepted	5
Total Recommendations Rejected	11
Total Findings Made	45
Total Amendments	0
Amendments Adopted	0
Amendments Defeated	0
Amendments Withdrawn	0

APPENDIX 7

ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE PANEL

Total Committee Meetings Held 2023	44
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COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Deputy Lyndsay Feltham, (Chair)	43
Deputy Mary Le Hegarat, (Vice Chair) (appointed to the Committee on 15 February 2023)	26
Deputy Max Andrews, (Vice-Chair) (resigned from the Committee on 12 September 2023)	37
Deputy Raluca Kovacs (appointed to the Committee on 17 October 2023)	4
Connétable Richard Honeycombe (resigned from the Committee on 10 February 2023)	0
Deputy Tom Coles	42
Matthew Woodhams	26
Philip Taylor	30
Graeme Phipps	37
Total Quarterly Public Hearings Held	1
Total Review Hearings Held	13
Total Letters Published	18
Total Recommendations Made	8
Total Recommendations Accepted	7
Total Recommendations Partially Accepted	0
Total Recommendations Rejected	1
Total Findings Made	19
Total Amendments	0
Amendments Adopted	0
Amendments Defeated	0
Amendments Withdrawn	0

WORK PERMIT HOLDER WELFARE REVIEW PANEL

Total Committee Meetings Held 2023	22
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COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Deputy Beatriz Porée (Chair)	21
Deputy Mary Le Hegarat (Vice-Chair)	18
Deputy Montfort Tadier (Member)	16
Deputy Lyndsay Feltham (Member)	21
Connétable Marcus Troy (Member)	8
Total Review Hearings Held	5
Total Letters Published	20
Total Recommendations Made	25
Total Recommendations Accepted	5
Total Recommendations Partially Accepted	5
Total Recommendations Rejected	10
Total Findings made	30

Tributes to former States Members

Upon the death of a serving or former States Member, the Bailiff pays tribute to them at the beginning of the following States Meeting in the time allocated to communications from the Presiding Officer. During 2023, tributes were paid to the following four individuals:



DEREK MALTWOOD

(Tribute on 18 April 2023)

Derek Ryder Maltwood was born in Jersey in 1939. He was educated outside the Island and became a stockbroker before becoming elected senior partner in the

stockbroking firm, Trevor Matthews and Carey. During that time he was president of the Institute of Directors and instrumental in creating the I.o.D. (Institute of Directors) work shadow scheme, which benefited many young people over the last 36 years, giving them an insight into the business world. He was first elected to the States in 1987 as Deputy of St. Mary and subsequently re-elected 4 times, twice unopposed. He was very active on a number of committees, including public services, post administration and was president of the House Committee and the Jersey Transport Authority. His main service was as vice-president of the Finance and Economics Committee, a role he performed for 12 years from 1990 until 2002. For some of that time he was also president of the Harbours and Airports Committee from 1998 to 2002, when he retired from the States. Since the announcement of his death has been received, those who worked alongside him have paid tribute in the media to his exceptional leadership skills and his calm and positive approach. He was a keen golfer and in retirement remained very busy and served the Island in a variety of capacities. As honorary treasurer for Durrell; as a board member of the J.E.C. (Jersey Electricity Company) for some 20 years, 10 as chairman; on the Jersey Heritage Trust board of trustees; as chair of Jersey Opera House Limited; and also as a Procureur Du Bien Public for the Parish of St. Mary. He retained a strong interest in Island life and politics, making his feelings known about electoral reform when giving evidence to a Scrutiny hearing in 2017. He was predeceased by his wife, Maggie, in 2020 and our thoughts are with their children and grandchild at this time.



HUGH RAYMOND

(Tribute on 18 April 2023)

Hugh Raymond was born in Bristol. He had a varied career, having previously been a history teacher, an area manager for the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building

Society. He served as a councillor in Cheltenham and was chair of the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce. He was chair of both independent and state schools in England. He moved to Trinity in 1995. He was the chair of the Jersey Sports Council and on the committee of the Race Club. He was a longstanding member of the Honorary Police, a Trinity Centenier and president of the Honorary Police Association. He was elected as Deputy of Trinity in 2018 and appointed to a number of Ministerial positions, serving as Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and also for Health and Social Services, and particularly as Assistant Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture. He was one of the first Members to join the Jersey Alliance Party and had to step back from the last election campaign owing to ill health. But he was in attendance as a special guest when the new skate park facility opened at Les Quennevais on 4th February this year, and he was one of the main driving forces behind this important new initiative for young people. Our thoughts are with his widow, Kay, and the rest of his family at this sad time.



JOHN FALLE

(Tribute on 17 July 2023)

I would like to pay a few words of tribute to a recently deceased Member. Jean Pierre Vernon Falle, known as John, recently passed away in his 96th year. He joined the family

business at Falles Motor Works and by the early 1960s the company's activities included car sales, repair and fuel sales over 3 sites in Jersey. The company set up Falles Hire Cars to cater for visitors to the Island. He topped the poll in St. Saviour, returning as a Deputy in November 1963, and served 2 terms of office, leaving the Assembly in 1969. He served on the Social Security Committee, was appointed to the Sewerage Committee in 1964, and was re-elected to both boards in 1966.

During his time in the States, Deputy Falle petitioned the States Assembly to improve traffic safety around St. Luke's school and Plat Douet School, including installation of pedestrian crossings. He retired from the States in 1969. During the 1970s and 1980s, Falles Hire Cars became the largest car hire business in the Channel Islands, as Members will I am sure recall, running a fleet of up to 2,000 cars in the height of the season and setting up branches, including at Southampton Airport, to cope with demand. With the change in holiday trends the business began to decline and the Falles Hire Car fleet was wound down and sold in 2003. Mr. Falle passed away at home and our thoughts are with his wife, their children and their 10 grandchildren.



ROBIN RUMBOLL

(Tribute on 17 October 2023)

Members may have seen in last week's news, that former Deputy Robin Rumboll has passed away. Mr. Rumboll joined the States in December of 1981 when he was elected

as Deputy of St. Helier No. 2; a position he held for some 15 years until he retired from politics in 1996. During his political career he served on a large variety of bodies, most notably as president of the Education, Telecoms and Legislation Committees. He brought a number of significant propositions to this Assembly, including the recording of States meetings for posterity, which was adopted in 1983. In 1994, he was a member of the Special Committee on Freedom of Information to examine the issues involved in establishing, by law, a general right of access to official information by members of the public. Following his retirement from politics, he remained very active in serving the Island as chair of the Shadow Jersey Police Authority, the chairman of Help a Jersey Child, and chairman of Great Ormond Street Hospital Jersey Appeal and chairman of the Channel Islands Horseracing Authority. He was a chairman and an honorary fellow of the Durrell Trust, having established in 2001 the Rumboll Travel Award, an annual financial award granted to deserving junior members of Durrell's conservation staff. Our thoughts are with his widow, Cynthia, his 4 children, and his grandchildren.



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