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PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(45th Meeting)

(Business conducted by electronic mail)10th March 2022**PART A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present.

Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier, Chair
 Senator T.A. Vallois, Vice-Chair
 Connétable A.S. Crowcroft of St. Helier
 Connétable K. Shenton-Stone of St. Martin
 Deputy R. Labey of St. Helier
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier
 Deputy G.C.U. Guida of St. Lawrence

In attendance -

L.M Hart, Deputy Greffier of the States
 K. Boydens, Principal Committee and Panel Officer

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

Amendment to Standing Order 168 - approval for lodging A1. The Committee, with reference to Minute No. B8 of its meeting of 28th February 2022, received and considered a Proposition entitled ‘Amendments to Standing Orders - Land Transactions’. The Committee recalled that it had agreed to amend Standing Order 168 to cover circumstances where a relevant land transaction did not proceed.

The Committee approved the draft amendment and requested the Principal Committee and Panel Officer to make the necessary arrangements for it to be lodged *au Greffe* as soon as practicable.

Amendments to Standing Orders re Written Questions - approval for lodging A2. The Committee, with reference to Minute No. B9 of its meeting of 28th February 2022, received and considered a Proposition entitled ‘Amendments to Standing Orders - Written Questions’. The Committee recalled that it had agreed to amend Standing Order 11 to prevent Written Questions from being submitted during the election period and had agreed to lift this prohibition once the new Council of Ministers and Scrutiny Chairs were in place. Furthermore, the Committee recalled that it had also agreed to allow challenges to be made until 12:45pm on the first meeting day after the response had been received and published.

The Committee approved the draft amendments and requested the Principal Committee and Panel Officer to make the necessary arrangements for them to be lodged ‘*au Greffe*’ as soon as practicable.

Amendments to Standing Orders re removal of references of A3. The Committee received and considered a draft amendment to Standing Orders by the Deputy Greffier of the States. The Committee noted that the amendment formed part of the final changes required to fully implement the reforms which the Assembly had adopted to its composition and the election process. The amendment would address the practicalities in applying the changes, such as the order Members would be called

Senator - approval for lodging for the roll call and how Members would be addressed within the States Chamber. The Committee was advised that the amendment would also remove the word ‘Senator’ from Standing Orders where it was necessary to maintain reference to the position until the end of the existing term of office.

The Committee approved the draft amendment and requested the Principal Committee and Panel Officer to make the necessary arrangements for it to be lodged ‘*au Greffe*’ as soon as practicable.

Amendments to Standing Orders re Election Declaration Form - approval for lodging A4. The Committee received and considered a draft amendment to Standing Orders by the Deputy Greffier of the States. The Committee noted that the amendment formed part of the final changes required to fully implement the reforms which the Assembly had adopted to its composition and the election process. The Deputy Greffier advised that the amendment made changes to the declaration form which should have been included in the earlier Standing Order changes and its omission was an unfortunate oversight.

The Committee approved the draft amendment and requested the Principal Committee and Panel Officer to make the necessary arrangements for it to be lodged ‘*au Greffe*’ as soon as practicable.

Greffier of the States: Appointment - approval for lodging A5. The Committee received and considered a draft Proposition entitled ‘Greffier of the States: Consent to Appointment’. The Committee noted that the present Greffier, Dr M. Egan, was due to leave office on 30th April 2022 and the recruitment process to identify a successor had been completed. The post had been offered to the present Deputy Greffier, Mrs L. Hart as a full time, permanent appointment. The Committee noted that the States of Jersey Law 2005 specified that the Greffier was formally appointed by the Bailiff, after the States had given their consent.

The Committee approved the draft Proposition and requested the Principal Committee and Panel Officer to make the necessary arrangements for it to be lodged ‘*au Greffe*’ as soon as practicable.