

Review Panel – Machinery of Government 2018

Record of Meeting

Date: 27th February 2018

Present	Deputy S.M. Brée, Chairman Connétable C.H. Taylor, Vice-Chairman Deputy D. Johnson Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr S. Spottiswoode, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Draft Machinery of Government (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Jersey) Law</p> <p>The Panel continued its scrutiny of the Draft Law.</p> <p>Noting the proposed changes to the role of the Chief Executive of the States of Jersey, the Panel considered how in practice the Chief Executive would be accountable and answerable to the States Assembly. It was agreed to question the Chief Minister on this during the Panel's forthcoming public hearing.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that based on its work so far, it would be necessary to publish a comments paper on the Draft Law to be presented to the States Assembly prior to the debate on 20th March 2018.</p>	
	<p>2. Amendments</p> <p>The Panel received a letter from the Chief Minister outlining possible amendments to the Draft Law.</p> <p>The Panel also noted receipt of law drafting instructions for the possible amendments it had identified.</p> <p>It was noted that the Panel had received advice that possible amendments it was contemplating to remove certain articles of the Draft Law would not be accepted as amendments. It was further noted that where the Panel did not agree with a particular article(s), it should report this to States Members and inform Members that the Panel would be voting against those articles.</p> <p>In light of the advice it had received, the Panel agreed changes to its law drafting instructions and approved the final version of the instructions.</p>	SS
	<p>3. Debate running order</p> <p>The likely order of debate for P.1/2018 was considered.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would be preferable for certain elements of the draft law to be debated and voted on separately. It was agreed to raise this matter with the Chief Minister in the Panel's Public Hearing.</p>	

	<p>4. Public Hearing</p> <p>The Panel discussed its question plan for the public hearing with the Chief Minister and the Chief Executive of the States on Thursday 1st March.</p>	
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