

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(61st Meeting)

(Business conducted by electronic mail)

29th April 2010PART A

All members were present, with the exception of Senator B.I. Le Marquand.

Connétable J. Gallichan of St. Mary, Chairman
 Deputy J.B. Fox
 Deputy J.A. Martin
 Deputy C.H. Egré
 Deputy M.R. Higgins

In attendance -

Miss A-C. Heuston, Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

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

Senatorial by-
 election:
 advertising.
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A1. The Committee received a report, dated 28th April 2010 and prepared by the Greffier of the States, in connexion with advertising for the Senatorial by-election.

The Committee recalled that a by-election to replace former Senator S. Syvret had been fixed for Wednesday 16th June 2010 and the nomination meeting was likely to be held on Tuesday 25th May 2010. It was noted that, in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Public Elections (Expenditure and Donations) (Jersey) Regulations 2008, the Committee was required to make arrangements for election material to be published in, or distributed with, an English language newspaper circulating in Jersey. The arrangements should be available to each candidate on equal terms, and the election material, including the candidates' background and manifesto, should be provided to the Committee by the candidates. It was noted that a supplement had first been published during the 2008 elections and arrangements had been made with The Idea Works advertising agency as the selected supplier on behalf of the States of Jersey for advertising material to be published in the Jersey Evening Post. As in 2008, it was likely to be possible to include other information about the election in the supplement for the assistance of voters, for example information about the location of polling stations and the opening times of the poll.

It was noted that parishes were currently sending out electoral registration information and that the deadline for registration would be noon on the day preceding the nomination meeting day. The Committee **agreed** that it would wish to undertake additional advertising to encourage electors to register to vote and requested that draft advertisements be prepared for consideration at a future meeting.

The Greffier of the States was **requested** to take the necessary action.