

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **DRAFT AMENDMENT (No. 14) OF THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE STATES OF JERSEY (P.169/2010): AMENDMENT (P.169/2010 Amd.) – COMMENTS**

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**Presented to the States on 14th January 2011  
by the Council of Ministers**

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## COMMENTS

The Council of Ministers wishes to oppose the amendment of the Deputy St. John, which would remove provision for an Assistant Minister to the Chief Minister or another Minister to propose a proposition on their behalf.

The new Standing Order 68A proposed by the Privileges and Procedures Committee formalises a practice that has been followed in the States Assembly in recent years, and the Council of Ministers believes that it is important that Assistant Ministers are allowed to continue acting as Rapporteur for propositions when necessary. Ministers are of the view that Assistant Ministers have performed perfectly well when called upon to act in this role.

It is the function of an Assistant Minister to provide support to his or her Minister in the exercise of ministerial functions, and Assistant Ministers are often delegated functions to act on behalf of their Minister and assume areas of general responsibility. Assistant Ministers should therefore be able to propose certain propositions given that they have a fuller understanding of the background experience that is required to give explanation to a proposition during debate.

**The Council of Ministers asks States members to reject this amendment.**