

STATES OF JERSEY



SHADOW BOARDS AND MINISTERIAL BOARDS: APPROVAL BY THE STATES (P.170/2010) – COMMENTS

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by the Privileges and Procedures Committee**

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COMMENTS

Paragraphs (a) and (b) of Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire's proposition concern the formation of Shadow Boards by Ministers. It is not the role of the Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC) to comment on how a Minister should carry out his or her functions, nor does the Committee have any responsibility under its terms of reference for remuneration paid to non-States members.

With regard to paragraph (c) of the proposition, although there is no definition of 'Ministerial Boards', PPC understands Deputy Le Claire to be referring to Ministerial Boards as defined in the proposition of Senator A. Breckon: 'Machinery of Government: establishment of Ministerial Boards and revised system of scrutiny' (P.120/2010). This proposed the introduction of Ministerial Boards and was rejected by the Assembly on 20th October 2010.

PPC believes it is inappropriate to ask the Assembly to agree that States' approval should be sought for the membership and terms of reference of Ministerial Boards without first obtaining the agreement of the States to the overarching concept. The introduction of Ministerial Boards would alter Jersey's machinery of government. Ministerial Boards should not be formed until the States have agreed their function and that they should be established. The final part of Deputy Le Claire's proposition should therefore be rejected.