

# STATES OF JERSEY



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

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**Presented to the States on 30th November 2010  
by the Council of Ministers**

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## COMMENTS

The Council of Ministers strongly supports openness and accountability in public appointments and recognises the responsibility of Ministers to bring proposed appointments forward for States Assembly approval. The Council would, however, welcome further discussion with Deputy Le Claire to clarify his proposals.

In regard to parts (b) and (c) of the Proposition, the Council is concerned that the absence of an appropriate and clear definition of 'ministerial boards' could impede the ability of Ministers to appoint individuals, including States Members, to form ad-hoc advisory panels to advance policy development in a timely manner. Ministers believe that the Deputy's proposals, if not managed and set out properly, would add an additional layer of bureaucracy to the policy development process. Ministers welcome the input of States Members into policy initiatives, but would like adequate safeguards to exist such that the appointment process would be sufficiently flexible.

**The Council of Ministers urges States Members to reject this Proposition as it currently stands but would welcome further discussion with Deputy Le Claire.**