

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(17th Meeting)

26th May 2009

(Business conducted by telephone and electronic mail)

PART A

All members were present, with the exception of Senator B.I. Le Marquand and Deputy J.B. Fox, from whom apologies had been received.

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

In attendance -

M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States
 Miss A-C. Heuston, Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

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

Draft
 Amendment (No. 11) of the
 Standing Orders
 of the States of
 Jersey.
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A1. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A1 of 24th April 2009, considered the Draft Amendment (No. 11) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey.

The Committee noted that the minor amendment to Standing Orders would give formal effect to the decision of the States on 30th April 2009, when members adopted the proposition of the Deputy of St. Martin (P.40/2009) and agreed that the period for oral questions with notice should be extended from 90 minutes to 2 hours. The Committee noted that the draft amendment would replace the 4 references to 90 minutes in Standing Orders with references to 2 hours.

The Committee recalled that, as indicated during the debate, it intended to consider separately the issue of how oral questions without notice that remained unanswered after the 2 hour period should be dealt with, and whether the current provision in Standing Order 63(9) that such questions were 'taken to have been withdrawn' should be amended.

The Committee accordingly approved the Draft Amendment (No. 11) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey and requested that it be lodged "au Greffe" at the earliest opportunity.

The Greffier of the States was directed to take the necessary action.