

STATES OF JERSEY

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DRAFT PUBLIC ELECTIONS (EXPENDITURE AND DONATIONS) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 200 (P.82/2008): SECOND AMENDMENTS

**Lodged au Greffe on 2nd July 2008
by Senator L. Norman**

STATES GREFFE

PAGE 17, REGULATION 4 –

- (a) in paragraph (1), at the end of sub-paragraph (a), delete the word “and” and, after sub-paragraph (b), add the following word and sub-paragraph –

“and

- (c) an amount equal to the cost of posting one letter to each person entitled to vote in the election by virtue of Article 2(1), (2) or (3) of the 2002 Law”;

- (b) after paragraph (1) insert the following paragraphs and renumber the remaining paragraph accordingly –

“(2) The amount of expenses permitted by paragraph (1)(c) shall be incurred only for the purposes of postage described in that provision.

- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(c), the cost of posting one letter shall be the cost, at the time of postage, of posting a letter of the lowest weight and size by reference to which postage costs are determined, by ordinary post, to an address in Jersey.”.

SENATOR L. NORMAN

REPORT

The principles outlined by the Privileges and Procedures Committee are to be welcomed, but by deciding not to provide a mailing service for election candidates, the amounts allowed by these Regulations are insufficient.

Writing to each potential elector is an accepted and traditional method of communicating with the electorate and one which could be removed if the Regulations are adopted unamended.

It might be that some candidates would not wish to post election material to potential voters, and others may deliver their manifestos by hand. In these cases it is my view that the allowance made for postage should not be diverted to other electioneering activities, hence the requirement that the allowance be restricted for the specified purpose.

There are no financial or manpower implications for the States arising from these amendments.