

**DRAFT AMENDMENT (No. 18) OF THE STANDING ORDERS
OF THE STATES OF JERSEY**

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by the House Committee**



STATES OF JERSEY

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Report

On 2nd February 1999 the President of the House Committee made a statement to the Assembly in which he requested the comments of States members on proposals to make more time available to consider States business.

In the event few members commented, but those that did were predominantly in favour of meetings being convened on available Tuesdays, between regular States meetings, rather than any other day of the week.

It is perfectly possible to arrange additional meetings within the provisions of the present Standing Orders, but it would require an individual member to raise the matter on every occasion. In order to make the position more definite, the Committee proposes to change Standing Orders in the following ways -

- (a) to express formally the present practice that the normal closing time of States meetings is not later than 5.30 p.m.;
- (b) to provide that, if the States do not complete their business in due time, they have a choice of adjourning the items to the next scheduled meeting of the States, in whatever order they propose, or of convening an additional meeting (normally the following Tuesday) to complete the outstanding business.

It should be noted that the responsibilities of the Greffier of the States, under Standing Order No. 17(1A) to consult with the Bailiff, Presidents of Committees and others to produce "a reasonably full day's work at each meeting" will remain.

The House Committee recommends the States to make the proposed Amendments and to agree that the new arrangements should have immediate effect.

Explanatory Note

These are further amendments of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey.

Amendment 1 amends Standing Order No. 4 (Meetings of the States) by setting out formally the present practice whereby the States normally adjourn at 5.30 p.m. unless the business set down for the day is concluded earlier, or the States resolve to continue the meeting beyond 5.30 p.m.

If amended as proposed by the Committee, Standing Order No. 4 would read (with the added words shown in italics) -

“(4) Each meeting of the States shall commence at 9.30 a.m. on the day for which it is convened *and shall be adjourned not later than 5.30 p.m. on the same day:*

Provided that the States may resolve in any particular case that a meeting shall commence *or be adjourned* at a different time *and may resolve that a meeting will continue until not later than 6.00 p.m. if it appears to the Bailiff that consideration of a matter then under discussion should be completed in that time.*”.

Amendment 2 inserts a new paragraph in Standing Order No. 5 (Adjournment of the States and suspension of meetings) to provide for occasions when the States are unable to conclude their business in the allotted time. In those circumstances, the States will have two choices -

- (a) as at present, to carry forward the business to the next scheduled meeting of the Assembly, but in such order as the States may determine;
- (b) to re-convene on the following Tuesday, or other named day, to conclude the outstanding business.

The Amendments are to come into force forthwith.

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THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 27 of the States of Jersey Law 1966,¹ as amended, have made the following amendments of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey² -

1. In Standing Order No. 4 (Meetings of the States) -
 - (a) in paragraph (4) after the word “convened” there shall be inserted the following words “and shall be adjourned not later than 5.30 p.m. on the same day”;
 - (b) in the proviso -
 - (i) after the word “commence” there shall be inserted the words “or be adjourned”;
 - (ii) after the word “time” there shall be inserted the following words -

“and may resolve that a meeting will continue until not later than 6.00 p.m., if it appears to the Bailiff that consideration of a matter then under discussion should be completed in that time”.

2. In Standing Order No. 5 (Adjournment of the States and suspension of meetings) after paragraph (1) there shall be inserted the following paragraph -

¹ Recueil des Lois, Volume 1966-1967, page 15.

² Nos. 4858, 5934, 6099, 6213, 6530, 6531, 6800, 7587, 7678, 8030, 8129, 8218, 8630, 8727, 8761, 8837, 8858 and 8958.

“(1A) If, at any meeting of the States, the discussion of matters of which notice has been given for that meeting has not been completed at the time appointed, or resolved, for the close of business of the meeting, the States may resolve -

- (a) that any item of business not disposed of shall be included on the order paper for the next scheduled meeting of the States, in such order as the States may determine; or
- (b) that the States be re-convened to meet on the following Tuesday, or other named day, to complete the discussion of those matters.”

3. These Amendments may be cited as Amendment (No. 18) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey and shall come into force forthwith.