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PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(5th Meeting)

Business conducted by electronic mail

28th February 2012**PART A**

All members were present.

Connétable A.S. Crowcroft of St. Helier, Chairman
 Senator S.C. Ferguson
 Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache
 Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement
 Deputy J.A. Martin
 Deputy M. Tadier
 Deputy K.L. Moore

In attendance -

Mrs. A.C. Goodyear, Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

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

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A1. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A8 of 8th February 2012, noted that amendments had been lodged *au Greffe* by Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier and Deputy J.H. Young to its proposition, 'Electoral Commission: composition and terms of reference' (P.5/2012 refers), and received draft comments in this connexion.

Deputy Le Hérissier's amendment to the proposition (P.5/2012 Amd. refers) sought to establish an Electoral Commission comprised of seven independent members and to reinstate certain elements of the terms of reference of the Electoral Commission that would be removed should the States decide to adopt paragraph (c) of the Committee's proposition P.5/2012, these being: 'the functions of the electoral process;' 'voting systems;' and 'voter registration'. Deputy Le Hérissier had subsequently lodged an amendment to his amendment (P.5/2012 Amd.Amd. refers) in order to remove 'voter registration' from the Electoral Commission's terms of reference, following the establishment by the Privileges and Procedures Committee of a Sub Committee to review the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002. The second amendment to the Committee's proposition (P.5/2012 Amd.(2) refers), which amendment had been lodged by Deputy Young, proposed that an external group of experts should be established to advise the Commission and to validate its work as necessary.

The Committee considered the draft comments in respect of each of the amendments. Deputies M. Tadier and J.A. Martin expressed the view that a meeting of the Committee should be held in order to discuss the matter as the comments were not considered to represent the views of the whole Committee, their views being different to those of the majority. The Committee was not minded to hold a meeting in this regard, and, having agreed certain amendments to the draft comments, it was agreed by a majority that the revised comments should

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be presented to the States at the earliest opportunity.

The Committee Clerk was requested to take the necessary action.