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PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(36th Meeting)

2nd June 2014

Business conducted by electronic mail

PART A

All members were present.

Deputy J.M. Maçon, Chairman
 Senator S.C. Ferguson
 Senator B.I. Le Marquand
 Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement
 Deputy J.A. Martin
 Deputy M. Tadier
 Deputy J.H. Young

In attendance -

M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States
 L.M. Hart, Deputy Greffier of the States
 A.C. Goodyear, Committee Clerk

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

Written
 question:
 Access to the
 States
 Building.
 1240/9/1(137)

A1. The Committee received the draft answer of the Chairman to a written question from Senator P.F. Routier in connexion with access to the States Building for the purpose of holding meetings.

The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 8th May 2014, recalled that the Jersey Human Rights Group held its meetings in the States Building and that members' prayer breakfasts, which were supported by Business Connect, were also held in the States Building. The Chairman's draft answer advised that he would write to both parties to remind them of the Conditions of Use as outlined in R.112/2007 "States Members' Facilities in the States Building: Conditions of Use", and to invite them to apply to the Committee should they wish to continue to use the States Building as a venue for their meetings. The Committee received draft correspondence to Deputy M. Tadier and Senator P.F. Routier M.B.E. in this regard. It was noted that the Chairman had committed in his draft answer to send a reminder to all States members that the use of facilities in the States Building for electoral purposes was not permitted. It was also noted that rooms in the States Building were occasionally used by the administrators of the Lord Portsea Gift Fund and the Greville Bathe Fund and for citizenship ceremonies when there were no rooms available in the Royal Court Building.

The Committee, having considered the draft answer, requested that it be tabled before the States forthwith. The Committee also approved the draft correspondence to be sent to Deputy Tadier and Senator Routier regarding the use of the States Building. The Committee Clerk was requested to take the necessary action.

Written

A2. The Committee received the draft response of the Chairman to a written

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question:
P.153/2013
“Referenda:
revised
procedures”.
1417/1(4)

question from Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour in connexion with referenda procedures.

The Deputy had asked whether proposals relating to the referendum to be held on 15th October 2014, would be brought to the States in the light of the adoption by the States of the proposition P.153/2013 “Referenda: revised procedures”. The Committee noted the draft response of the Chairman, which advised that the Committee was currently undertaking a review of the Referendum (Jersey) Law 2002, and was not yet at the stage of requesting law drafting in respect of any proposed amendments to the legislation.

The Committee, having noted the content of the Chairman’s response, accordingly requested that the answer be tabled before the States forthwith. The Committee Clerk was requested to take the necessary action.