

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(61st Meeting)

28th November 2007PART A

All members were present, with the exception of Connétable K.A. Le Brun of St. Mary, from whom apologies had been received. Deputy I.J. Gorst was not present for Item Nos. A1 and B1.

Connétable D.F. Gray of St. Clement - Chairman
 Senator M.E. Vibert
 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains
 Deputy S.C. Ferguson
 Deputy J. Gallichan
 Deputy I.J. Gorst

In attendance -

M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States
 Mrs. A.H. Harris, Deputy Greffier of the States
 Miss P. Horton, Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A and Part B.

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| Minutes. | A1. The Minutes of the meeting held on 31st October 2007 (Part A and Part B), having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed. |
| Meeting dates in 2008.
Encl. | A2. The Committee, having considered a list of proposed meeting dates for 2008, agreed to set aside dates at two-weekly intervals commencing on 23rd January 2008 for its meetings on the basis that it would conduct monthly meetings with the alternate dates only being utilized as necessary. |
| Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 - proposed amendments.
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Encl. | A3. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A5 of 11th July 2007, received a report detailing proposed recommendations for changes to the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002.

The Committee recalled that a working group under the Chairmanship of Deputy J. Gallichan had been established to consider in more detail the proposed recommendations for changes to the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002. The working group had also referred a number of matters to the Comité des Connétables for its consideration.

The Committee discussed in detail the proposed amendments to the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 and having made various recommendations agreed that the issues it had raised should be referred to the working party for further consideration.

Deputy Gallichan was directed to take the necessary action. |
| Draft Amendment (No. 8) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey | A4. The Committee received and considered the draft Amendment (No. 8) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey (P.162/2007 - lodged 'au Greffe' on 23rd October 2007 by Senator M.E. Vibert).

The Committee noted that, if adopted, the proposition would ensure that any proposed change to the composition and election of the States should at least |

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command an absolute majority of States members, that is at least one half of all States members, which was currently 27 members. Whilst the majority of the Committee supported the proposition it was agreed that a comment would be issued advising that it was considered to be a matter for each individual States member to decide whether or not to support the proposition.

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

Matters for information.

A5. The Committee noted the following matters for information -

- (a) correspondence, dated 2nd November 2007, sent to Mr. A. Podger regarding proposals for electoral reform; and
- (b) correspondence, dated 22nd November 2007, sent to All Members of the States regarding the provision of photographic identification;
- (c) the Committee noted that its next meeting would be held on 12th December 2007, commencing at 9.30 a.m. in the Le Capelain Room, States Building, Royal Square.