

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(24th Meeting)

17th August 2006

(Business conducted by telephone)

PART A

All members were present, with the exception of Connétable K.A. Le Brun of St. Mary, from whom apologies had been received.

Connétable D.F. Gray of St. Clement - Chairman
 Senator S. Syvret
 Senator M.E. Vibert
 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains
 Deputy C.H. Egré
 Deputy J. Gallichan

In attendance -

Mrs. A.H. Harris, Deputy Greffier of the States

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

Business Plan
 2007:
 amendment.
 1038/1/1/62(1)

A1. The Committee noted that the Chairman had met the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding the funding of the fifth Scrutiny Panel and had discussed the possibility that such funding might be achieved by means of an amount to be carried forward from the year-end 2006, although the Chairman had expressed concern that this would not provide the necessary certainty from the beginning of the year.

It was recognised that the Minister was supportive of the amendment to the Business Plan 2007 (P.92/2006) being proposed by the Committee given that it did not increase the 'bottom line', but sought a reduction in expenditure of the Ministries. The Minister had asked that a baseline budget be established for Scrutiny for 2008 and beyond, and the Chairman had indicated that it would be some time before a definitive budget could be determined because of States work being on a 3-year cycle, although it was considered that this might be possible for 2009.

The Committee approved its draft amendment to the Business Plan 2007, together with the accompanying report, and decided to lodge it 'au Greffe' at the earliest opportunity on the basis that it would be taken into consideration by the States on the date agreed for debate of P.92/2006.

Senator M.E. Vibert requested that his dissent from this decision be recorded.