

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT: ESTABLISHMENT OF MINISTERIAL BOARDS AND REVISED SYSTEM OF SCRUTINY (P.120/2010) – THIRD AMENDMENT (P.120/2010 Amd.(3)) – COMMENTS**

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## COMMENTS

Subject to the adoption of the amendment of the Deputy of St. Peter to P.120/2010, the Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC) opposes paragraph 1 of the amendment of the Deputy of St. John.

The financial and manpower implications detailed within Senator A. Breckon's proposition: Machinery of Government: establishment of Ministerial Boards and revised system of Scrutiny, suggest that 5 posts could be redeployed from the current Scrutiny team to provide support for the proposed Ministerial Boards.

The Deputy of St. Peter's amendment to the proposition suggests that these 5 posts should be retained within the States Greffe to service the Boards (P.120/2010 Amd.(2) refers). PPC supports this amendment over and above the amendment of the Deputy of St. John, which puts forward an alternative proposal that the posts should be transferred out of the Scrutiny section to provide research assistance for States members.

If the Deputy of St. Peter's amendment and the Deputy of St. John's amendment are both adopted, additional resources will be required to fill the new 'research assistant' posts. If the amendment of the Deputy of St. John is adopted in isolation, there will still be resource implications associated with the creation of the new role of 'research assistant'. Although PPC agrees that some form of research facility could be beneficial for private members, it is difficult to justify the creation of an entirely new service for States members at a time when spending cuts are being made across a whole range of public services.

PPC has no comment to make in respect of paragraph 2 of the Deputy of St. John's amendment, which proposes that Scrutiny Panels should be renamed "Select Committees".