

**STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE POLICY AND  
RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, 22nd July 2003**

Members will recall that at my briefing in May I shared with them my committee's intention to create a Constitutional sub-committee.

The Sub-Committee met for the first time last week, the members being myself, Senators Ozouf and Lakeman, Deputy Roy Le Hérisssier, Colin Powell and the Attorney General. The terms of reference for the sub-committee are -

To consider, in consultation with the Bailiff, the advantages and disadvantages of -

1. the current constitutional arrangements between the United Kingdom and the Islands, as a dependency of the crown;
2. the terms of the Island's relationship with the European Community under Protocol 3 to the Treaty of Accession;

and to make such recommendations to the Policy and Resources Committee on these matters as the Sub-Committee shall think fit.

We all expect that, due to the depth of research and consideration this subject deserves, it will be some time before any recommendations are finalised. I will ensure that members are properly briefed on progress at the appropriate point.