

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2014**

Question

In the light of the States approval of P.153/2013 (Referenda: revised procedures) on 22nd January 2014, can the Chairman announce whether proposals regarding the October referendum will be brought to the States and, if so, when?

Answer

The Committee is currently in the process of undertaking a review of the Referendum (Jersey) Law 2002 following the approval by the States of P.153/2013.

When the proposition was lodged the Committee commented as follows:

“If the Committee’s review finds that amendments to the Law are necessary, law drafting time will need to be requested and, once drafted, the amendments will need to be lodged ‘au Greffe’ for debate by the States. If adopted, the amendments will then require the sanction of the Privy Council. It is therefore unlikely that any such amendments to the Referendum (Jersey) Law 2002 will be in place in advance of the referendum on the composition and election of the States Assembly that is due to be held on election day in October 2014 (the adoption by the States on 15th November 2013 of paragraph (e) of P.116/2013 and paragraph (e) of P.117/2013 refer).”

The Committee is not yet at the stage of requesting law drafting in respect of any proposed changes to the 2002 Law.

The Referendum (Composition of the States Assembly) (Jersey) Act 201- is currently in draft and will be lodged ‘au Greffe’ as soon as it has been finalised by the Committee.