STATES OF JERSEY

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ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE: VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE

Lodged au Greffe on 3rd February 2004
by Senator E.P. Vibert

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PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

that they have no confidence in the Environment and Public Services Committee.

SENATOR E.P. VIBERT

Note: As required by Standing Order 18B, the following States members also signed the proposition –

1. Senator P.V.F. Le Claire.

2. Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour.

3. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.

The reason for moving this proposition is set out in the attached report.

REPORT

I am bringing this proposition because I believe that the Committee has made a number of fundamental errors in the last twelve months on a wide range of subjects, which has given the electorate the impression that the Government of this island is incompetent, disorganised and totally un-businesslike in the manner in which it runs the island's affairs.

Regarding the bus saga it has also shown itself to be reckless, lacking in fundamental business acumen, which has cost the taxpayer £187,000, and careless with the truth.

A recent audit of its public service division by the States Auditor has also shown it to have a very low standard of procedure and governance.

I will be presenting to the States evidence of the above on the following matters –

1. The Connex Bus contract and subsequent related activities.
2. The residents parking scheme for St. Helier.
3. Attempts to introduce sewerage charges.
4. The Broad Street taxi rank debacle.
5. The States members parking scheme.
6. The Haut de la Garenne affair.
7. The result of the audit of the department by the States Auditor.

This is a crucial Committee in terms of its relationship with the public and the performance of this Committee is particularly relevant to how the public perceives the States.

This will be even more important this year when a decision has to be made on waste disposal and the purchase of a new incinerator with a likely cost tag of £40 million

In the light of the current Committee's performance in respect of items 1-7 above I believe the States could have no confidence in leaving that decision to this Committee as currently constituted.

There are no financial or manpower implications arising from this proposition.