PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(29th Meeting)

11th March 2016

PART A (non-exempt)

(Business conducted via electronic mail)

All members were present, with the exception of Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Connétable D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence and Deputy S.M. Brée, from whom apologies had been received.

Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement, Chairman Connétable C.H. Taylor of St. John Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier

In attendance -

K.L. Slack, Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

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

Public elections: electronic voting (P.10/2016) – amendment. 424/99(1)

A1. The Committee received and considered a draft amendment to the Proposition of Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier, entitled P.10/2016 – Public elections: electronic voting.

The Committee expressed its commitment to pursuing the introduction of electronic voter registration in time for the 2018 public elections, but did not believe that it was feasible to introduce electronic voting in the 2018 elections either in polling stations or online because of the time needed to complete research; assess the benefits, challenges and likely impact of electronic voting; agree a recommended approach; tender for systems; trial and test the system and implement the new approach.

Accordingly, the Committee approved the amendment, which deleted the words "in the 2018 elections" after the words "to vote electronically", and inserted the words "as soon as practicable". It was requested that the amendment be lodged 'au Greffe' for consideration by the States at its meeting on 22nd March 2016.