

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(18th Meeting)

1st June 2009

(Business conducted by telephone and electronic mail)

PART A

All members were present, with the exception of Senator B.I. Le Marquand and Deputy J.B. Fox, from whom apologies had been received.

Connétable J. Gallichan of St. Mary, Chairman
 Deputy J.A. Martin
 Deputy C.H. Egré
 Deputy M. Tadier
 Deputy M.R. Higgins

In attendance -

Miss A-C. Heuston, Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

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

Code of conduct:
 email sent by
 Deputy S.
 Pitman.
 1240/9/2(55)

A1. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. B3 of 1st May 2009, considered a draft report to the States in connexion with the decision of Deputy S. Pitman to send an e-mail entitled "A lesson in human rights for William" to all States email users on 18th March 2009.

The Committee accordingly approved the draft report entitled: 'Use of the States e-mail system,' and requested that it be presented to the States in early course.

The Committee Clerk was directed to take the necessary action.

Conduct of
 Senators J.L.
 Perchard and S.
 Syvret during the
 States sitting of
 10th March 2009.
 1240/9/2(53)
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A2. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. B4 of 1st May 2009, considered a draft report to the States in connexion with the States debate of 10th March 2009 and an episode which took place during the sitting in which Senator S. Syvret argued that Senator J.L. Perchard had made certain utterances to him.

The Committee agreed that the draft report should be amended to include reference to the fact that the Committee did not have evidence to suggest Senator Perchard had misled the Assembly when he said: 'I absolutely refute that. I am just fed up with this man making up allegations against people. I just wish he would not,' but had made the statement to highlight that he had not said those particular words.

The Committee accordingly approved the draft report entitled: 'Incident in the States Chamber between Senators J.L. Perchard and S. Syvret' as amended, and requested that it be presented to the States in early course.

The Committee Clerk was directed to take the necessary action.