

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(49th Meeting)

6th June 2005PART A

All members were present, with the exception of Senator P.V.F. Le Claire, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier  
 Connétable D.F. Gray  
 Deputy P.N. Troy  
 Deputy C.J. Scott Warren  
 Deputy J-A. Bridge  
 Deputy J.A. Bernstein

In attendance -

M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States  
 Miss P. Staley, Law Draftsman  
 P. Monamy, Senior Committee Clerk

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

Shadow Scrutiny:  
 Committee  
 statement:  
 Executive –  
 Scrutiny  
 relations.  
 502/1(44)  
 Clerk  
 States (2)

A1. The Committee considered a statement to be made by the President in order to update the Assembly on the progress of Shadow Scrutiny and on discussions which he had held with the Scrutiny Chairman, the Shadow Public Accounts Committee Shadow Chairman and the Presidents of the Policy and Resources and Finance and Economics Committees.

The Committee noted that the joint meeting had agreed that there was a need for joint planning, programming and scheduling of reviews, and that it was important for all stakeholders to be aware of the forward programme so that they would be able to plan their own contributions.

It was recognised that the joint meeting had explored the following matters -

- (a) proposals of the Policy and Resources Committee for a form of written consultation based on the United Kingdom Code of Practice on Written Consultations;
- (b) the number of members involved in Scrutiny and the need to continue with a training programme;
- (c) the need for rules for Scrutiny Panels.

Having agreed a number of revisions, the Committee approved the statement and requested the President to present it to the States on 7th June 2005.

Standing Orders  
 of the States of

A2. The Committee, with reference to its Act No. A4 of 3rd May 2005, considered a further draft of the revised Standing Orders of the States of Jersey, including a draft

Jersey: revision.  
1240/4(171)

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Scrutiny

of the explanatory report to accompany them.

Having examined the draft from Standing Order No. 154 (including Schedules 2 and 3), the Committee agreed a number of revisions and requested the Law Draftsman to incorporate them into the final draft. The Committee agreed that prior to lodging the final draft 'au Greffe' it would circulate it to all members of the States, drawing their attention to any significant areas of change from existing Standing Orders and any potentially controversial aspects of the proposals, and inviting comment on the proposed Standing Orders.

The Greffier of the States was requested to take the necessary action.

States business:  
Committee  
statement -  
arrangements for  
the remainder of  
2005.  
1240/7/1(83)

A3. The Committee considered a statement to be made by the President in order to apprise the States of the outcome of a recent meeting of Committee Presidents to discuss the arrangement of States business for the remainder of 2005.

The Committee noted that it was considered that as there were clearly a very significant number of major items to consider in the coming months, States members were to be asked -

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- (a) in relation to the considerable volume of business set down for 21st June 2005, to be prepared to be asked to meet on Thursday, 23rd June in addition to the first continuation day on Wednesday, 22nd June; and
- (b) to be prepared to consider setting aside at least 2 days a week throughout late June, July and all of September and October in order to be able to complete the business.

States members were also to be informed that all Committees needed to be aware that, if the States were to complete the remaining business in an orderly fashion, all matters for debate before December should be lodged 'au Greffe' no later than the end of July.

The Committee approved the statement and requested the President to present it to the States on 7th June 2005.