

## Chairmen's Committee

### Record of Meeting

**Date: 12.05.11**  
**Meeting No: 78**

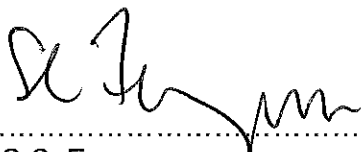
Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, President Senator B. E. Shenton, (items 1- 11 inclusive) Deputy G. P. Southern (items 1,2,9,10 and 11) Deputy P.J. Rondel Deputy C. Labey (representing Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel) Deputy T. Pitman (representing Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel (items 1,2 9,10 and 11)
Apologies	Deputy Le Hérissier, Deputy Southern (all except 1,2,9,10 and11), Deputy T. Pitman (all except 1,2,9,10 and 11)
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs. K. Tremellen-Frost, Scrutiny Manager  Items 7-10inclusive: Connétable of St. Mary, Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee Deputy B. Fox, Privileges and Procedures Committee Connétable of St. Saviour, Privileges and Procedures Committee Miss A. Heuston, Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

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	<b>1. Minutes</b>  The Committee agreed to one amendment to the minutes of 8th April 2011.  As previous minutes were pertinent to the former Chairman of the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel, it was agreed that these would be forwarded to him to afford him the opportunity of making any comments on the minutes. The minutes would be reconsidered at the next meeting.	<b>KTF</b>  <b>KTF</b>
	<b>2. Vice-President, Chairmen's Committee</b>  It was agreed that Deputy Le Hérissier should continue as Vice-President of the Committee.	
	<b>3. Panel Reports</b>  The Committee noted the Panel activity reports for the previous month.	
	<b>4. Public Accounts Committee</b>  The Committee noted a scoping document for a review into the States Control of Senior Management Remuneration which followed on from a report of the Comptroller and Auditor General.	
<b>24.03.11 item 7</b>	<b>5. Raising the profile of scrutiny reports</b>	

465/1(156)	The Committee, in conjunction with the Chairman and two Members of the Privileges and Procedures Committee noted that the Privileges and Procedures Committee had requested law drafting time in order to be able to lodge an amendment to Standing Orders to permit Scrutiny Reports to be debated in the States.	
24.03.11 item 8  511/1(41)	<p><b>6. Transfer of Members from Scrutiny to Executive positions</b></p> <p>The Committee, in conjunction with the Chairman and two Members of the Privileges and Procedures Committee considered the Chairmen's Committee concerns about Scrutiny Panel Members taking up Ministerial rôles before scrutiny review work in which they were involved had been completed. Also in the case of the Public Accounts Committee it could leave them inoperative due to the constitutional constraints on that Committee.</p> <p>The meeting also considered the number of non-Executive Members who have opted not to work on scrutiny panels. Consideration was given to the possibility of enabling Assistant Ministers to sit on scrutiny and also to graduated pay scales as occurred in other jurisdictions. It was agreed that in the short term, when a letter of resignation from scrutiny was received by the Bailiff, consideration should be given to any outstanding scrutiny work which needed to be completed before the resignation was accepted and the Member be permitted to transfer to the Executive.</p>	
24.03.11 item 9  1240/10(36)	<p><b>7. Media and filming of scrutiny meetings and hearings</b></p> <p>The Committee, in conjunction with the Chairman and two Members of the Privileges and Procedures Committee considered the status of the media working group report which had been lodged au Greffe and since withdrawn. It also considered various options such as audio-streaming, although some Chairmen had reservations about this as there was a belief that these could be "tampered" with. It was agreed that the current situation could be managed in the short term.</p>	
24.03.11 item 10  511/1(42)	<p><b>8. Business Cards</b></p> <p>It was noted that individual Departments paid for Ministers' business cards but that some Assistant Ministers had paid for their own. Other individual Members who served on neither the Executive nor on Scrutiny had paid for their own and organised this through the States Greffe. The situation and costs for doing this were noted.</p>	
	<p><b>9. States Building - opening times</b></p> <p>The Committee considered whether the States Building could be opened earlier so that the public could access public meetings which started before the current opening time of 8.30am. It was noted that this was not possible and that alternative arrangements would need to be made. It was also agreed that if a Panel wished to hold meetings prior to 8.30am it should do so.</p>	
	<p><b>10. Attendance of Mr. Dun</b></p> <p>Mr Dun had requested that he attend on the Committee to put forward his views on the scrutiny function. On inviting him to present his case, he refused as the session was not being held in</p>	

	public and he could not be filmed.	
	<p><b>11. Chairmen's Committee representative on the Privileges and Procedures Committee</b></p> <p>The meeting considered the split vote, earlier in the meeting, of the Chairmen's Committee in nominating its representative on the Privileges and Procedures Committee. It also noted Standing Orders 122(9) and (10) and that it was the responsibility of the Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee, after consulting with the President of the Chairmen's Committee, to nominate a candidate. The Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee explained that it was important to have a representative who attended all Chairmen's Committee meetings throughout and could report back on all relevant Chairmen's Committee matters.</p>	
<p><b>24.03.11</b> <b>item 13</b></p> <p><b>510/1(5)</b></p>	<p><b>12. Code of Practice Review</b></p> <p>This was deferred to the next meeting</p>	
<p><b>08.04.11</b> <b>item 1</b></p> <p><b>515/19(8)</b></p>	<p><b>13. Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel: Harbours and Airport Review</b></p> <p>Although it was recognised that the airport merited a review, it was agreed that the outcome of the Comptroller and Auditor General's investigation into this would be awaited in the first instance.</p> <p>The Committee noted the advice from the Law Officer's Department in respect of the actions of the former President and the Chairmen's Committee regarding the former review into Jersey airport and the advice received in respect of a conflict of interest on the part of the former Chairman. The Committee also noted the former Chairman's resignation from scrutiny and the Privileges and Procedures Committee.</p>	
	<p><b>14. Financial Report - first quarter</b></p> <p>This was noted.</p>	
	<p><b>15 Agenda items for the next joint meeting with the Council of Ministers</b></p> <p>The Committee agreed to discuss the development of a protocol to be followed when a Scrutiny Member was approached to transfer to the Executive. It was also agreed to raise the matter of scrutiny receiving information from the Executive at such a late stage that there was no time to scrutinise it.</p>	
	<p><b>16. Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>The Committee noted that the date of the next meeting was scheduled for 16th June 2011 at noon to be followed by a joint meeting with the Council of Ministers from 2.00pm</p>	

Signed



Date:

15-06-11

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Senator S.C. Ferguson  
President

