

# **STATES OF JERSEY**

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## **DRAFT AMENDMENT (No. 6) OF THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE STATES OF JERSEY**

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**Lodged au Greffe on 25th September 2006  
by the Privileges and Procedures Committee**

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### **REPORT**

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These Amendments give full legal effect in Standing Orders to the decision of the States to create a fifth scrutiny panel by splitting the current Social Affairs Panel into two parts. The Amendments change the name of the current Social Affairs Panel to “Education and Home Affairs” and then add an additional panel named “Health, Social Security and Housing”.

In accordance with the decision of the States on 19th July 2006 the present Social Affairs Panel will remain in office after the split but its name will change as shown above. It will, of course, be necessary for the States to appoint a Chairman and members of the new Health, Social Security and Housing scrutiny panel. The new Chairman will automatically become an *ex officio* member of the Chairmen’s Committee without the need for any further changes to Standing Orders.

The Privileges and Procedures Committee believes it is essential that the necessary financial and manpower resources are in place before this split of the Social Affairs panel takes place. For that reason the Committee does not intend to seek a debate on these Amendments until it is satisfied that the necessary funding is available for the fifth panel and that the recruitment process for additional Scrutiny Officers is complete.

The financial and manpower implications of the creation of a fifth panel have already been addressed in the ‘in principle’ proposition to create this panel and in the PPC amendment (P.92/2006 Amd.) to the Annual Business Plan 2007. In summary the financial implications have been estimated at £188,000 per annum with two additional officers being appointed in the Scrutiny Office to service the new panel.

## **Explanatory Note**

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*Amendment 1* is the interpretation provision.

*Amendment 2* amends standing order 112 (order of and time for selection and appointment following an ordinary election) so as to provide for the appointment of the chairmen of the scrutiny panels, consequentially upon the changes to standing order 135.

*Amendment 3* amends standing order 135. The topics assigned to the “social affairs” panel are changed from social, education and home affairs to education, sport and culture and home affairs and the panel is renamed the “education and home affairs” panel. A new panel is added, assigned the topics of health and social services, social security and housing and named “health, social security and housing”.

*Amendment 4* provides for the citation of the Amendment and for it to come into force 7 days after it is made.





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## Arrangement

### Amendment

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| <u>1</u> | <u>Interpretation</u>             |
| <u>2</u> | <u>Standing order 112 amended</u> |
| <u>3</u> | <u>Standing order 135 amended</u> |
| <u>4</u> | <u>Citation and commencement</u>  |





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*Made*

*[date to be inserted]*

*Coming into force*

*[date to be inserted]*

**THE STATES**, in pursuance of Article 48 of the States of Jersey Law 2005<sup>[1]</sup>, have made the following amendment to Standing Orders –

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### 1 Interpretation

In these amendments, a reference to a standing order is to the standing order of that number in the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey<sup>[2]</sup>.

### 2 Standing order 112 amended

In the table in standing order 112(1) for item 5 there shall be substituted the following item –

<p>“5. appointment of chairmen of the scrutiny panels, in the following order –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) corporate services;</li><li>(b) economic affairs;</li><li>(c) education and home affairs;</li><li>(d) environment ;</li><li>(e) health, social security and housing.”.</li></ul>	
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### 3 Standing order 135 amended

In standing order 135(1) –

(a) for sub-paragraph (c) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph –

“(c) a scrutiny panel which is assigned the topics of education, sport and culture and home affairs (‘education and home affairs’);”

(b) after sub-paragraph (d) there shall be added the following sub-paragraph –

“(e) a scrutiny panel which is assigned the topics of health and social services, social security and housing (‘health, social security and housing’).”.



#### **4 Citation and commencement**

This Amendment may be cited as Amendment (No. 6) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey and shall come into force 7 days after it is made.

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*chapter 16.800*

[2]

*chapter 16.800.15*