

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(31st Meeting)

28th April 2014**PART A**

All members were present, with the exception of Senator B.I. Le Marquand, Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement and Deputy M. Tadier, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy J.M. Maçon, Chairman
 Senator S.C. Ferguson
 Deputy J.A. Martin
 Deputy J.H. Young

In attendance -

M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States
 L.M. Hart, Assistant Greffier of the States
 A.C. Goodyear, Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

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

Draft States of
 Jersey
 (Amendment
 No. 8) Law
 201-
 (P.33/2014):
 Eighth
 Amendment.
 450(16)

A1. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 27th April 2014, received a further draft comment in respect of the amendment of Senator P.F.C. Ozouf to the proposition "Draft States of Jersey (Amendment No. 8) Law 201-" (P.33/2014 Eighth Amendment refers).

The amendment of Senator Ozouf to P.33/2014 proposed the repeal of Article 44 of the States of Jersey Law, which related to the remuneration of elected members. The purpose of the amendment was to remove the current inhibition in the Law on a pay structure for elected members that would allow for differential pay. The Committee recalled that it had presented a comment to the States in connexion with the proposition on 28th April 2014 which had included as an Appendix correspondence dated 24th April 2014 from the States Members' Remuneration Review Body. The Committee agreed that it would wish to present a further comment to the States concerning the content of the amendment.

The Committee discussed a series of options for the provision of a differential pay structure and identified a number of difficulties that arose whether the structure was based upon hours worked, or roles undertaken, by elected members. The Committee did not consider that different roles within the States automatically required different levels of time commitment from members. In addition, the Committee was not able to support Senator Ozouf's view that the repeal of Article 44 "would allow a more diverse group of candidates to stand for elected office" and "would achieve a better accountability for the different roles the public need the States members to have".

The Committee, having considered the draft comment, agreed certain amendments, and requested that the Greffier of the States arrange for the comment to be presented to the States at the earliest opportunity.