

STATES OF JERSEY



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by the Deputy of St. John**

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1 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (a) –

Insert new sub-paragraph as follows –

“(vi) to provide research assistance for States’ members, to be supported by officers to be transferred out of the Scrutiny Section as part of the proposals;”.

2 PAGE 2 –

Insert new paragraph (b) as follows –

“(b) to agree that Scrutiny Panels should be renamed “Select Committees”;”,

and renumber the remaining paragraph accordingly.

DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN

REPORT

In bringing these 2 amendments to P.120/2010 I believe it will help the proposed proposition.

I think taking 5 posts from Scrutiny and moving them to the Chief Minister's Department is foolhardy!

The staff should stay within the States Greffe, as that Department will need officers to take minutes of the proposed new Boards. On top of that, in the past, members have requested staff to support them in the area of research – given the new system, members will have less time to research issues, so having officers to assist in research would be welcome, these people have the necessary training and could hit the road running.

My second amendment on name change is simple. Currently there is little appetite for new members to come forward to join a Panel. Why? Because Panel members believe in part that they are looked upon as second-class members by Ministers, Assistant Ministers and 'backbench' members who refuse to join a Panel. With a name change this, in part, will lift Panel members' morale. This, along with the Policy Review Committee Chairman being elected straight after the Chief Minister, will help in lifting members' morale, along with other uplifts within the new system.

Financial and manpower statement

As staff are currently employed, there should be no additional expenses for the States arising from this amendment.