WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE BY DEPUTY P.V.F. LE CLAIRE OF ST. HELIER

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 29th JANUARY 2008

Question

Does the Privileges and Procedures Committee plan to begin a consultation process regarding the Review of the Machinery of Government in relation to the non-elected members of the States?

Answer

The recent review of the machinery of government reforms, on which the Privileges and Procedures Committee has already reported (R.105/2007 refers), had detailed terms of reference and looked at the changes that had already been made. The Committee is currently consulting on the recommendations made.

The review into the composition and election of the States Assembly was a separate piece of work, and the Committee was disappointed that following lengthy consideration, no changes have been made in relation to the composition and election of elected members.

The Committee has no plans to review the role of non-elected members in the Assembly. Any review of nonelected representatives would have far reaching constitutional consequences and would not be a matter for the Committee alone.