

Privileges and Procedures Committee

Machinery of Government Sub-Committee

(8th Meeting)

21st June 2024

Part A (Non-Exempt)

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy H. Jeune of St John, St Lawrence, and Trinity from whom apologies had been received

Deputy T. Coles of St. Helier South, Chair
Deputy M. Scott of St. Brelade
Deputy R. Kovacs of St. Saviour
Deputy L. Feltham of St. Helier Central
Connétable K. Shenton-Stone of St. Martin

In attendance –

Mr. Y. Fillieul, Assistant Greffier of the States
Ms. J. Lepp, Research and Project Officer

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A

Minutes	A2. The Sub-Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 17 th May 2024.
Work Programme	A3. The Sub-Committee noted and agreed its ongoing work programme.
DAGS letter and Recommendations from the Chief Minister	A4. The Sub-Committee noted the correspondence received from the Chief Minister and the updated recommendations. It was noted that the Chief Minister had stated that due to limited time the current Government had in office, it would not be possible to bring reform of constitutional arrangements or significant organisational change as the focus was on service delivery. The Sub-Committee agreed that it was content with the additions to the recommendations and would write to the President of the Scrutiny Liaison Committee to ask for its views on taking the matter forward.
Standing Orders 113/115 regarding timings around appointing a	A5. The Sub-Committee discussed an amendment to Standing Order 113/115 regarding timings around appointment of a new Chief Minister as the recent VONC revealed the short turnaround time in which the Assembly had to appoint a new Chief Minister. It was agreed that office continuity must be a priority and it was requested that a timetable of VONC and how things happened be presented for further consideration.

new Chief
Minister in
relation to
exceptional
circumstances

Law Drafters
Training
sessions

A6. The Sub-Committee discussed Law Drafting Training for States Members, noting that it would like a clearer understanding of process and transparency. It was agreed that a date of 26th July from 12pm – 1pm be considered for a Sub-Committee meeting with the Principal Legislative Drafter, with the Research and Project Officer tasked with liaising with the Law Drafter. It was further agreed that training session be arranged following the summer recess for all States Members.

Future
Meetings

A7. The Sub-Committee noted that the next meeting will be held on 26th July 2024 in the Le Capelain Room from 11:00am-12:00pm. The Research and Project Officer is tasked with adjusting the time to be extended by a half hour (10:30AM to 12:00PM).