

KS/SB/17

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(55th Meeting)

(Business conducted by electronic mail)14th January 2020**PART A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Connétable C. H. Taylor of St. John and Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy R. Labey of St. Helier, Chairman
 Connétable A.S. Crowcroft of St. Helier
 Deputy J.M. Maçon of St. Saviour
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier
 Deputy J.H. Perchard of St. Saviour

In attendance -

L.M. Hart, Deputy Greffier of the States
 K.L. Slack, Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

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

Public
 Elections:
 declaration of
 donations
 exceeding the
 current
 threshold for
 declaration in
 law
 (P.120/2019) -
 Amendment.
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A1. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 9th December 2019, recalled that it had expressed the wish to lodge an Amendment to the Proposition of the Connétable of St. Martin, entitled, 'Public Elections: declaration of donations exceeding the current threshold for declaration in law' (P.120/2019), which was due to be debated by the States Assembly at its meeting on 21st January 2020.

The Committee was in the process of preparing a consultation document, which would address various matters, relating to the Public Elections (Expenditure and Donations) (Jersey) Law 2014, *inter alia* the process for declaring expenditure and the online publication of expenditure returns. These matters had been raised within Propositions P.6/2019 and P.7/2019, both of which had been adopted by the States Assembly on 26th February 2019. Moreover, Proposition P.7/2019 had requested the Committee to consider introducing a means by which political parties could declare their election costs, which aligned with sub paragraph (b)(ii) of the Connétable's Proposition, which dealt with donations to political parties.

Accordingly, the Committee had been of the view that the changes proposed in P.120/2019 should be incorporated into its consultation document, which it intended to issue in February 2020 and the committee received and approved a draft Amendment, which gave effect to this proposal. Deputy J.H. Perchard of St. Saviour expressed the view that a public consultation on this matter was unnecessary, because all Members of the States should be totally transparent in respect of any online donations. This opinion was also shared by Deputy J.M. Maçon of St. Saviour.

The Committee instructed officers to take arrange for the Amendment to be lodged '*au Greffe*'.