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PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(37th Meeting)

7th June 2016**PART A (Non-exempt)**

All members were present with the exception of the Chairman, Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement and Deputy S.M. Brée of St. Clement from whom apologies had been received.

Connétable D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence, Vice-Chairman (acting as Chairman)  
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf  
 Connétable C.H. Taylor of St. John  
 Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier  
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier

In attendance -

Deputy R.J. Renouf of St. Ouen (in attendance for item B1 only)  
 Dr. M. Egan, Greffier of the States  
 L.M. Hart, Deputy Greffier of the States  
 S. Meiklejohn, Law Officers' Department (in attendance for item B1 only)  
 K.L. Slack, Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A and Part B.

Minutes

A1. The Minutes of the meetings held on 10th May 2016 (Part A), 13th May 2016 (Part A) and 19th May 2016 (Parts A and B), having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Role of the  
 Presiding  
 Officer.  
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A2. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. B1 of 16th March 2016, considered a draft proposition lodged 'au Greffe' by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade entitled 'Bailiff of Jersey: cessation of dual role and the appointment of an elected Speaker of the States' (P.54/2016).

The Committee recalled that it had asked officers from the States Greffe, in conjunction with officers from the Chief Minister's Department, to arrange a workshop with States members to canvas their views on the subject, using voting buttons. The workshop had been due to take place on 14th June, but on the basis that Deputy Tadier's proposition was scheduled for debate on 28th June, the Committee was informed that the workshop had been cancelled.

The Committee further recalled that, as previously constituted, it had commented on 16th December 2013 and 17th April 2014 in relation to a similar proposition that had been brought by Connétable A.S. Crowcroft of St. Helier, entitled 'Elected Speaker of the States' (P.160/2013), and an amendment lodged by Senator P.M. Bailhache. It was noted that Deputy Tadier's proposition was somewhat narrower than the one brought by Connétable Crowcroft, as the former asked the States to agree that the Speaker should be elected from within the ranks of the Senators, Connétables and Deputies, whereas the latter had suggested that the President should be elected from within or without the ranks of the members.

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Mindful that it was not unanimous in its views in relation to the rôle of the Presiding Officer, the Committee nevertheless felt that it would be helpful for States members if it prepared a comment, which examined the practicalities of appointing a speaker from amongst them and which provided references to previous debates and comments on the subject.

Accordingly, officers were instructed to prepare a draft comment for circulation to Committee members.

States meeting  
dates for 2017.  
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A3. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A1 of 25th May 2016, in which it had approved the States meeting dates for 2017, received a report from the Committee Clerk, relating to the dates for the Second Session.

The Committee noted that Standing Order 3(3) required the Second Session to start on the second Tuesday in September, but that September 19th, which was the third Tuesday, had been mooted as a States sitting. Accordingly, the Committee approved revised dates for 2017 as follows:

#### **First Session**

**January 17th**  
**January 31st**  
**February 14th**  
**March 14th**  
**March 28th**  
**April 18th**  
**May 2nd**  
**May 9th**  
**May 23rd**  
**June 6th**  
**June 20th**  
**July 4th**  
**July 18th**

#### **Continuation (if necessary)**

January 18th and 19th  
February 1st and 2nd  
February 15th and 16th  
March 15th and 16th  
March 29th and 30th  
April 19th and 20th  
May 3rd and 4th  
  
May 24th and 25th  
June 7th and 8th  
June 21st and 22nd  
July 5th and 6th  
July 19th and 20th

#### **Second Session**

**September 12th**  
**September 26th**  
**October 10th**  
**October 31st**  
**November 14th**  
**November 28th**  
**December 12th**

#### **Continuation (if necessary)**

September 13th and 14th  
September 27th and 28th  
October 11th and 12th  
November 1st and 2nd  
November 15th and 16th  
November 29th and 30th  
December 13th and 14th

The Greffier of the States was requested to arrange for the report entitled “States meeting dates for 2017” to be presented to the States in due course.