STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 22nd JULY 2003

At a meeting of the Bailiff's Consultative Panel on 8th July 2003 it was agreed that some special arrangements should be made to mark the occasion, on 9th May 2005, of the 60th anniversary of the Island's liberation.

It was further agreed that a small Policy and Resources sub-committee should be formed, for that purpose, comprising representatives of the Policy and Resources, Privileges and Procedures and Education, Sport and Culture Committees together with a representative of the Comité des Connétables. I am pleased to be able to advise that Senator Jean Le Maistre, who initiated this idea, is prepared to act as Chairman of this sub-committee.

My Committee will consider this proposal in more detail at its next full meeting at the end of this month and, in particular, will consider submitting a formal request to the Finance and Economics Committee to provide funds to support the commemoration of this historic event. Subject to agreement being reached and a budget being identified, it is intended that the subcommittee will be established shortly thereafter so that this important work can begin.

I trust States members will join me in supporting this tremendously important event and I would ask the Presidents of the three identified Committees and the Chairman of the Comité des Connétables to consider who they might wish to nominate for membership of this subcommittee and I invite any member who may be interested, to contact me with their thoughts.