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PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(19th Meeting)

10th November 2015PART A

All members were present, with the exception of Senator P.F.C. Ozouf and Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier, from whom apologies had been received.

Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement, Chairman
 Connétable D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence
 Connétable C.H. Taylor of St. John
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier
 (not present for items B2 – B5)
 Deputy S.M. Brée of St. Clement

In attendance -

M.N. de la Haye, O.B.E., Greffier of the States
 L.M. Hart, Deputy Greffier of the States
 P. Monamy, Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee
 K.L. Slack, States Greffe

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

- Minutes. A1. The Minutes of the meetings of 13th October 2015 (Part A and Part B), 21st October 2015 (Part B only) and 28th October 2015 (Part B only), having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.
- Public Elections: amendments to legislation and administration. 424/99(1) A2. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. B1 of 19th May 2015, received an oral update from the Greffier of the States, concerning amendments to the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 and the Referendum (Jersey) Law 2002. The Committee was advised that the law drafting instructions for the relevant amendments had been forwarded to the Law Draftsman and that the draft legislation would be presented in due course for consideration by the Committee.
- Web-streaming of meetings of the States. 465/4(13) A3. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A4 of 13th October 2015, received an oral update from the Greffier of the States in connexion with the web-streaming of meetings of the States.
- The Committee recalled that a formal tender process had been undertaken to identify a supplier to manage the web-streaming and archiving of the filming of the Assembly. The Committee was advised that the return date for the tenders was 30th November 2015 and that the officer group, which comprised officers of the States Greffe, the Electronics Department, Information Services and Procurement would consider the tenders after that date and make a recommendation to the Committee, who would ultimately decide on the successful company.
- It was anticipated that the supplier could be appointed in early December 2015 and that, subject to the relevant planning permission being obtained, the web-streaming would commence in early 2016.

Installation of digital clocks in the Chamber.
465/4(14)

A4. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A4 of 15th September 2015, received an oral update from the Greffier of the States in connexion with the installation of digital clocks in the States Chamber.

The Committee recalled that P.39/2015 “States Assembly: filming proceedings and the installation of clocks” had been debated by the Assembly on 15th July 2015. Part (c) of that Proposition, which had been adopted, had provided for the installation of 3 digital clocks in the States Chamber.

The Committee noted that because of the specification that had been requested for the digital clocks, namely that they would show the start time of debates and the lengths of speeches, they could not be acquired “off the shelf”, but would have to be a bespoke design. It had been queried whether the clock screens could be used to project plans during debates of Propositions involving such documents, but it had been decided that in order to facilitate this, the dimensions of the screens would be excessive.

The Committee further noted that the tender process was underway, with a closing date of 30th November 2015. The relevant planning permission would be required and it was anticipated that the planning application could be dealt simultaneously with that relating to the web-streaming, as detailed in Minute No. A3 above.

Register of Names and Addresses (Comparison with Electoral Registers) (Jersey) Regulations 201-.
756/99(4)

A5. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A7 of 7th July 2015, received an oral update from the Greffier of the States in respect of recommendations as to the most appropriate way forward for electoral registration in Jersey with a view to any new system or variations to the present system being in place to be used at the general election in 2018.

The Committee recalled that the Register of Names and Addresses (Comparison with Electoral Registers) (Jersey) Regulations 201- had been approved by the Assembly on 14th July 2015 and would enable the Committee, the parishes and the Association of Electoral Administrators to use the “registrable facts” recorded under the Register of Names and Addresses (Jersey) Law 2012, for the purposes of comparing them with the information recorded in electoral registers and to consider the use of those facts in connexion with the maintenance of electoral registers.

It was noted that the results of this pilot study would be reported to the Committee and would form a sound basis for further work to be undertaken if it was so minded. Mindful that people currently elected whether or not their name should appear on the electoral register, it was agreed that care should be taken to ensure that an individual’s consent was obtained before the addition of their name to the same.

The Committee noted that the Chief Executive of the Association of Electoral Administrators was due in the Island on 19th November 2015 in order to commence work on the pilot study and that he was due to meet with the Chairman of the Committee and other relevant parties during his visit.

States Members Remuneration Review Body: recommendations for November 2014 to 2018.
1240/3(73)

A6. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. B2 of 19th May 2015, received correspondence, dated 30th October 2015, from the Chairman of the States Members Remuneration Review Body, concerning States Members’ remuneration for 2016.

The Committee noted that the Review Body had met to consider the position for the year 2016 and, having taken all relevant factors and statistical reports into account, had concluded that there were no reasons to vary the 2014 recommendation that States members’ total remuneration should remain at £46,600 for the year 2016. The

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Committee further noted that the Review Body would review the position in Autumn 2016 in relation to remuneration for 2017.