

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(business conducted by telephone and electronic mail)

(31st Meeting)

17th August 2009PART A

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy J.B. Fox, Deputy C.H. Egré and Deputy M.R. Higgins.

Connétable J Gallichan of St Mary, Chairman  
 Senator B.I. Le Marquand  
 Deputy J.A. Martin  
 Deputy M. Tadier

In attendance -

M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States  
 Mrs. A.H. Harris, Deputy Greffier of the States  
 I. Clarkson, Acting Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

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

Draft  
 Amendment  
 No.12 of the  
 Standing Orders  
 of the States of  
 Jersey.  
 450/2(13)

A1. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 3rd July 2009, considered the draft Amendment No.12 of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey, together with an accompanying report prepared by the Greffier of the States.

The Committee noted that the draft Amendment would give effect to the 'in principle' decision taken by the States on 16th July 2009 to amend the procedure relating to the ballot held for oral questions with notice. It further noted that the draft Amendment would make a minor and related amendment to Standing Orders to reflect current practice regarding the inclusion of the full text of oral questions in the principal Order Paper.

Consideration was given to a proposal for a further proposed amendment to reduce the lodging period for draft amendments to the Standing Orders. The Committee recalled that a six week lodging period applied to such amendments, notwithstanding the fact that, in practice, changes to Standing Orders tended to follow an in principle decision of the States Assembly. In view of the foregoing, there was broad agreement that the minimum lodging period for Standing Orders should be changed to two weeks to replicate the position for such items of business as draft Appointed Day Acts. The Committee acknowledged that the amended lodging period would remain a minimum period that could be amended by the States for any significant amendments to Standing Orders that had not previously been agreed in principle. In respect of the draft Amendment No.12 of the Standing Orders, the Committee noted that the latter amendment would be proposed separately to those concerning the changes to procedures for oral questions; accordingly the States Assembly would be able to form a view on that proposed change independently of the matters which had already been agreed in principle on 16th July 2009.

**The Committee approved both the draft Amendment No.12 of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey and the accompanying report and requested that it be lodged 'au Greffe' in early course and with a view to securing a debate in October 2009.**

The Greffier of the States was requested to take the necessary action.