

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(58th Meeting)

21st July 2005PART A

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy P.N. Troy, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy R.G. Le Hérisssier  
 Senator P.V.F. Le Claire  
 Connétable D.F. Gray  
 Deputy C.J. Scott Warren  
 Deputy J-A. Bridge  
 Deputy J.A. Bernstein

In attendance -

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

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

Standing Orders  
 of the States of  
 Jersey: revision.  
 1240/4(171)

Clerk  
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A1. The Committee, with reference to its Act No. A3 of 20th July 2005, recalled that it had commenced consideration of comments from Deputy J.L. Dorey concerning the draft new Standing Orders of the States of Jersey.

The Committee considered the matter of whether Schedule 1 of the new draft Standing Orders should be amended to allow for a petition which was not written in English or French to be translated into either French or English. The Committee considered that the Schedule as drafted already provided a more favourable position than that of the existing Standing Orders, which required a petition written in French to be accompanied by an English translation. **Accordingly the Committee declined to amend Schedule 1 in this regard.**

The Committee then gave further consideration to its proposals for a revised Register of Members' Interests and paragraph 8 of Schedule 2 in particular. Having recalled that the Committee's proposals on registration and declaration of interests had been agreed on the basis of recommendations made by the Code of Conduct Working Party, Senator P.V.F. Le Claire advised the Committee that he disagreed with certain elements of the proposals. **The Committee agreed that it would consider any proposals from Senator P.V.F. Le Claire for amendments to the draft new Standing Orders at its next meeting.**

Sub-Committee  
 on Security:  
 report.  
 1060/5(176)

Clerk

A2. The Committee, with reference to its Act No. B1 of 20th July 2005, recalled that it had invited the Sub-Committee on Security to make certain amendments to its final report.

Deputy J.A. Bernstein advised that the Sub-Committee was reluctant to modify its report in the manner suggested. It remained of the view that members should be

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required to sign up to revised conditions of use for the States Building and that steps should be taken to ensure that those conditions were in some way enforceable. While the Sub-Committee accepted that it would be difficult to impose sanctions that might affect the ability of the member concerned to carry out his or her political duties, it contended that individual members had a responsibility to ensure that their own actions did not put at risk the safety of other members.

The Committee gave further consideration to the recommendations made by the Sub-Committee in connexion with use of meeting rooms. It agreed that it would be unreasonable to prevent members of any political party from holding meetings with constituents, individual ministers, sub-committees or government bodies in either the interview rooms or the two meeting rooms on the ground floor.

**The Committee agreed that it would defer its decision on presenting the report until such time as it had received legal advice regarding the liability members who escorted constituents and other guests into the States Building.**

The Committee Clerk was directed to take the necessary action.