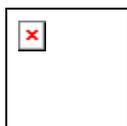


MEETINGS OF THE STATES ASSEMBLY IN 2002 - SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 4(1)

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PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion -

to suspend Standing Order No. 4(1) to enable the States to meet on the days fixed for the holding of meetings in ordinary session in 2002.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Report

In order to ensure a reasonably regular pattern of States meetings in ordinary session during 2002, it has been necessary to propose that the States depart from the strict provisions of Standing Order No. 4(1) in some cases.

If members agree to meet on the days set out below the States will meet on successive Tuesdays in March (to avoid meeting in Holy Week) and December.

2002

First Session

January 15th and 29th
February 12th and 26th
March 12th and 19th
April 9th and 23rd
May 14th and 28th
June 11th and 25th
July 9th and 23rd

Second Session

September 10th and 24th	
October 8th and 22nd	(Senatorial elections on 16th October 2002)
November 5th and 19th	(Deputies elections on 27th November 2002)
December 3rd, 4th	(Budget)
December 10th	(final meeting of present States)
December 12th	(first meeting of new States - election of Presidents)
December 17th	(election of Committees)

Before proposing these dates the House Committee considered whether it should suggest that the States meet weekly in 2002 as has been decided for the autumn session this year. The Committee has concluded it has no evidence at this stage that the volume of business next year will justify moving away from fortnightly meetings although it will obviously be possible for the States to add additional meetings in the New Year if required. The Committee would also point out that the proposed dates for December 2002 are based on the assumption that no changes to the present machinery of government will be in place before the next scheduled elections.

The first meeting of 2003 will take place on 21st January 2003.

This proposition has no implications for the financial or manpower resources of the States.

Note

For members' information the relevant Public Holidays in 2002 are as follows -

Good Friday - March 29th
Easter Monday - April 1st
May Bank Holiday - 6th May
Liberation Day - 9th May (Thursday)
Golden Jubilee Holiday and Spring Bank Holiday - 3rd and 4th June 2001.