PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(business conducted by electronic mail)

(16th Meeting)

6th September 2012

PART A

All members were present.

Connétable A.S. Crowcroft of St. Helier, Chairman Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement Deputy J.A. Martin Deputy M. Tadier Deputy K.L. Moore

In attendance -

M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States I. Clarkson, Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

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

States of Jersey Complaints Board: findings. 1386/2/1/3(18) A1. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A1 of 9th August 2012, recalled that it had presented to the States a report prepared by the States of Jersey Complaints Board in connexion with its findings in respect of a complaint against a decision of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture (R.102/2012 refers).

The Committee received correspondence, dated 23rd August 2012, from the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.

The Committee noted that the Minister disagreed with several points made within the summary and findings of the Complaints Board. He had nevertheless decided to grant the application for the child to transfer to Les Quennevais School, having concluded that such a transfer would be in the child's best interests and that the child could be accommodated by that school.

The Committee, acting in accordance with Article 9(9) of the Administrative Decisions (Review) (Jersey) Law 1982, **agreed** that the response of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture should be presented to the States forthwith.

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

States Assembly meeting dates 2013. 1240/2(82) A2. The Committee considered a report prepared by the Greffier of the States and which was entitled: 'States Meeting Dates for 2013.'

The Committee noted that, in accordance with Standing Order 4 of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey, it was required to draft a list of proposed meeting dates for presentation to the States by the end of September. A fortnightly cycle of meetings was again being proposed in accordance with the emerging conclusions

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of the Standing Orders and Internal Procedures Sub-Committee, which had decided against pursuing a 3 week cycle. The draft schedule took account of the 'in principle' decision of the Committee as previously constituted that States meetings should not take place during school holidays.

The Committee **approved** the dates proposed and **agreed** that the report should be presented to the States forthwith.

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

States Members' Remuneration Review Body: appointment of members. 1240/3(73) A3. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 25th April 2012, recalled that on 12th July 2012 the States Assembly had adopted P.44/2012 ('States Members Remuneration Review Body: Revised Terms of Reference').

The Committee considered a report, dated 28th August 2012, which had been prepared by the Greffier of the States and which was entitled: 'States Members Remuneration Review Body (SMRRB) – Appointment of Members.'

It was recalled that the revised terms of reference for the SMRRB permitted the Committee to appoint members of that body once the Committee had given the States 15 days notice of its intention to make such appointments.

The Committee was advised that a recruitment process had been initiated following the approval of P.44/2012, in an attempt to identify one new member to serve on the SMRRB. No applications had been received and a decision had been taken to re-advertise after the peak summer holiday period. In the intervening period, there remained a need to formally confirm the position of the existing outgoing members.

The Committee **approved** the appended report relating to the re-appointment of the 4 current members in accordance with P.44/2012 and requested that it be presented to the States as soon as possible so that re-appointments could be confirmed 15 days after the notification (on the assumption that no adverse comment from States members was received). It further **endorsed** the proposal to re-advertise the vacant position.

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