

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY, 28th FEBRURY 2006

Question

Would the President inform members when the Committee is planning to lodge a proposition for debate containing revised proposals on the composition of the States?

Answer

The Privileges and Procedures Committee has initially concentrated on progressing Freedom of Information legislation. However, at our next meeting, to be held on 8th March 2006, we will begin looking at electoral reform issues, in particular election expenses, and we will assess how we are going to proceed with the composition of the States. members of the Privileges and Procedures Committee have also been requested to submit a brief paper outlining their views on composition issues.

Members will be aware that issues relating to the composition of the States are likely to be controversial and it will probably be difficult to find a consensus. As I stated when I stood for the position of Chairman of PPC I am nevertheless keen to ensure that proposals are formulated and debated by October or November this year so that any changes agreed can be implemented before the next elections.