

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

(26th Meeting)

14th January 2008PART A

All members were present, with the exception of Connétable T.J. du Feu of St. Peter and Messrs. R. Bignell and T. Grimes, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy S.C. Ferguson, Chairman  
 Senator L. Norman  
 Connétable D.J. Murphy  
 Deputy A. Breckon  
 Deputy J.G. Reed  
 C. Evans  
 M. Magee  
 Advocate A. Ohlsson

In attendance -

C. Swinson, O.B.E., Comptroller and Auditor General  
 P. Monamy, Clerk to the Public Accounts Committee

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

“Jersey Enterprise Board: proposed establishment”: amendment. 1444/7(2)

A1. The Committee noted a draft Amendment to P.194/2007 (“Jersey Enterprise Board: proposed establishment”) prepared by the Chairman, which sought to bring the new group (including the Waterfront Enterprise Board - W.E.B.) within the remit of the Comptroller and Auditor General (C.A.G.).

The Committee noted that it was intended that the Jersey Enterprise Board should be treated as a States-funded body, enabling the C.A.G. to employ auditors and conduct such reviews as he considered necessary and as provided for by Articles 46 and 47 of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005.

Advocate A. Ohlsson declared a conflict of interest and took no part in the discussion or resolution of this item.

**The Committee accordingly approved the draft Amendment and requested the Chairman to arrange for it to be lodged ‘au Greffe’ on 15th January 2008, for consideration by the States on 26th February 2008.**

Dates for meetings and hearings in 512/1(17).

A2. The Committee, having taken into consideration the schedule of dates for meetings of the Comité des Connétables, agreed the undermentioned schedule of dates for Public Accounts Committee meetings in 2008, which would be held on Mondays commencing at 12.30 p.m. unless otherwise notified-

	14th July
11th February	4th August (if required)
10th March	1st September
14th April	13th October
19th May	10th November
16th June	15th December

In addition, the Committee agreed that public hearings would be scheduled for the afternoons of 11th February (on which date the Committee meeting element would commence at 10.30 a.m. in order to receive a delegation of the Privileges and Procedures Committee in relation to the Committee’s response to the review of the first 12 months of Ministerial Government - R.105/2007) and 14th July; and, in addition, Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2008.