

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(32nd Meeting)

6th December 2006PART A

All members were present, with the exception of Senator S. Syvret and Deputy G.C.L. Baudains, from whom apologies had been received.

Connétable D.F. Gray of St. Clement - Chairman
 Senator M.E. Vibert
 Connétable K.A. Le Brun of St. Mary
 Deputy C.H. Egré
 Deputy J. Gallichan

In attendance -

M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States
 P. Monamy, Acting Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

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

Ministerial
 Government:
 review of the first
 12 months -
 appointment of
 review body.
 465/1(77)

A1. The Committee, with reference to its Act No. A1 of 29th November 2006, recalled that it had appointed its Chairman - Connetable D.F. Gray of St. Clement - as the independent Chairman of the body which was to undertake a review of the first 12 months of Ministerial Government, in accordance with the wishes of the States arising from the adoption of P.77/2006.

The Committee, having noted that Senator M.E. Vibert had discussed the matter of his proposed appointment to the review body with the Council of Ministers, accordingly confirmed his appointment. Having noted the circumstances of Deputy J. Gallichan's Scrutiny Panel membership, the Committee also confirmed her appointment to the review body.

The Committee agreed that the date for the first meeting of the review body should be determined by its members in due course and expressed the hope the review would commence shortly.

Composition and
 election of the
 States: options
 for change -
 report to the
 States.
 465/1(75)

A2. The Committee, with reference to its Act No. B1 of 29th November 2006, gave further consideration to a paper prepared by the Greffier of the States entitled "Composition and Election of the States Assembly - Options for Change."

Having reviewed a revised draft of the report, which incorporated all the changes which had been agreed to date, the Committee further amended the 'Options' included and approved the final version. The Committee agreed that there would be merit in the States considering the complex issues involved 'in Committee', and also in further sampling public opinion on the matter; with the way forward subsequently being agreed 'in principle' by the States.

The Committee was aware that Senator B.E. Shenton had lodged 'au Greffe' a report and proposition (P.145/2006) which sought the agreement of the States to the introduction of a number of electoral reforms which encompassed some of the reforms presently under consideration by the Committee. Having recognised that the Senator's projet had been set down for debate on 30th January 2007 and that he had participated in a poorly-attended public meeting in St. Clement at which his

proposals had been discussed, the Committee agreed that Senator Shenton should be provided - prior to its presentation to the States - with a copy of the final version of the Committee's report for his information, with a view to securing his agreement to request the States to defer consideration of his projet until a later date; or even to withdraw it. Furthermore, the Committee agreed that - even at this late stage - it would be prepared to incorporate in its report options proposed by Senator Shenton, if he so agreed.

The Greffier of the States was requested to approach Senator Shenton in order to outline the Committee's proposals and to seek his agreement to deferring debate on P.145/2006.

The Committee agreed to proceed with the presentation of its report to the States - either as presently agreed or with the addition of Senator Shenton's proposals - on 8th December 2006.