

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 29th APRIL 2003,  
BY DEPUTY R.G. LE HERISSIER OF ST. SAVIOUR**

**Question**

Would the President clarify the actual means by which members will, in future, be involved in the formulation of international affairs policy?

**Answer**

The States has given the Policy and Resources Committee the responsibility for international affairs. It is clearly part of the Committee's core remit, but the Committee always has and will continue to consult widely in developing and proposing policies in relation to international matters.

The Committee intends to develop all major policies in the areas for which it has responsibility, including those relating to international affairs, openly through the use of:

- a new Strategic Planning Process;
- a new formalised 'green' and 'white' paper consultation process: and,
- regular and structured briefing sessions with States members – the first of which is scheduled for 20th May 2003.

I can also confirm that the Policy and Resources Committee intends to widen and strengthen the membership of its Sub-Committee for Constitutional Matters. It is to consider proposals for this at its meeting next Thursday and I should be in a position, shortly thereafter, to advise members of the outcome of those discussions.

Lastly, I would reiterate what I said in response to questions from the Deputy on 1st April 2003, when I made it abundantly clear that all major decisions relating to international matters are made by this Assembly.