

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(7th Meeting)

20th March 2006

(Business conducted by telephone)

PART A

All members were present.

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

In attendance -

Miss P. Horton, Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

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

Draft States of  
 Jersey (Powers,  
 Privileges and  
 Immunities)  
 (Scrutiny Panels,  
 PAC and PPC)  
 (Jersey)  
 Regulations 200-  
 (P.15/2006):  
 Amendment.  
 450/3(1)

**Encl.**

A1. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. B2 of 8th February 2006, considered the draft States of Jersey (Powers, Privileges and Immunities) (Scrutiny Panels, PAC and PPC) (Jersey) Regulations 200- (P.15/2006): Amendment.

The Committee was advised Regulation 3(1) linked the ability to use the powers of summons to the terms of reference and the topics assigned to each Panel. If a Panel went beyond its own strict topics during a review a potential witness could argue that the powers could not be exercised. This would place an unnecessary restriction of the ability of Scrutiny Panels to obtain relevant evidence. It had been concluded that Regulation 3 was unnecessary as there were adequate safeguards in the Regulations to avoid any risk that a scrutiny panel or the PAC might issue a summons inappropriately.

The Committee noted that Regulation 3 would not be proposed when the Regulations were considered in the States and that Regulation 6(1)(a) would be deleted and the remaining sub-paragraphs renumbered. The Committee accordingly approved the amendment and requested that it be lodged 'au Greffe' on 21st March 2006, for consideration by the States on 4th April 2006.

Whilst not recording his dissent, Senator M.E. Vibert was of the opinion that the amendments were not required.

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