

STATES OF JERSEY



POLICY DEVELOPMENT BOARDS (P.122/2019): AMENDMENT

**Lodged au Greffe on 14th January 2020
by Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier**

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1 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (b) –

Replace the words “that there should be a process of consultation with” with the words “once a scoping document and terms of reference for a policy development board have been approved by the Chief Minister,”; replace the word “on” with the words “will be advised of”; before the word “duration” insert the word “estimated”; after the word “budget” insert the words “, if any; the Chief Minister will give consideration to any feedback received from a scrutiny or review panel”; and replace the words “first consulted on” with the words “first advised of”.

2 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (c) –

After the words “Standing Orders” insert the words “, after liaison and discussion with the Chief Minister,”.

3 PAGE 2 PARAGRAPH (c) –

After the words “chairs of policy development boards”, in both places where they occur, insert the words “, and chairs of other similar Government bodies,”.

DEPUTY I. GARDINER OF ST. HELIER

Note: After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

- (a) request the Chief Minister to take the steps necessary to ensure that information concerning all current and future policy development boards is published online in a transparent and timely manner, including terms of reference, consultation documents, membership, anticipated duration, the budget allocated to the board to complete its work and any interim or final reports;
- (b) once a scoping document and terms of reference for a policy development board have been approved by the Chief Minister, the appropriate scrutiny or review panel will be advised of the proposed terms of reference and membership of a policy development board, estimated duration and allocated budget, if any; the Chief Minister will give consideration to any feedback received from a scrutiny or review panel; and no ministerial decision to appoint a policy development board should be signed until at least one month has elapsed since the relevant panel was first advised of the proposed terms of reference and membership; and

- (c) to request the Privileges and Procedures Committees to bring forward amendments to Standing Orders, after liaison and discussion with the Chief Minister, to permit States Members to ask written and oral questions of the chairs of policy development boards, and chairs of other similar Government bodies, and to permit chairs of policy development boards, and chairs of other similar Government bodies, to make official statements to the Assembly.

REPORT

After my proposition was lodged, I had several conversations with the Chief Minister and we agreed that in paragraph (b) my proposed wording should be aligned with the text that is included in the “Code of Practice for Engagement Between Scrutiny panels and the Public Accounts Committee and the Executive”.

In relation to paragraph (c), there are several other Government bodies, such as political oversight groups, and I trust that PPC and the Chief Minister will find the correct structure which will allow States Members to question the chairs of policy development boards and similar government bodies in the States.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no additional financial and manpower implications arising from this amendment.