

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT AMENDMENT (No. 39) OF THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE STATES OF JERSEY

Lodged au Greffe on 15th January 2019
by the Chairmen's Committee

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REPORT

Standing Order 143 establishes that the Chairmen's Committee is required, *inter alia* –

“(a) to act as a co-ordinating body for the work of the PAC, scrutiny panels and review panels, to ensure that there is no unintended overlap in the work undertaken by them and to ensure that all aspects of the work of the Council of Ministers are, over time, reviewed;”;

and –

“(c) to keep under review the operation of the scrutiny function and, as appropriate, to make recommendations for change;”.

Following the creation of the role of Minister for International Development, the Committee has given consideration to identifying which scrutiny panel would most appropriately take on responsibility for the necessary scrutiny of this aspect of the work of the Council of Ministers. In doing so, it has further identified existing overlap between the work of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel and the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel on matters relating to External Relations, particularly arising from the area of financial services.

The Committee has agreed that both matters are appropriately addressed by adding the topics of External Relations and International Development to the remit of Economic Affairs, consequentially amending the remit of Corporate Services to remove External Relations. Such change also goes some way to addressing a longstanding imbalance between the respective workloads of the 2 Panels.

Subject to approval of the changes to Standing Orders proposed by this amendment, the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel will become known as the Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel.

As detailed in the Legislative Drafter's Explanatory Note, there is a further consequential amendment arising from the proposed remit changes, as well as from the introduction of the role of Minister for Children and Housing. Standing Order 120 is required to be updated to incorporate reference to the new Ministers who, under standing order 120, may not make a nomination for the office of the chairman in respect of the panel responsible for scrutiny of their respective remit.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no additional financial or manpower implications for the States arising from the adoption of this Amendment to Standing Orders.

Explanatory Note

This Amendment of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey changes the topics that are scrutinized by 2 of the scrutiny panels established under standing order 135 and amends the reference to the Ministers who, under standing order 120, may not make a nomination for the office of the chairman in respect of a particular scrutiny panel.

Amendment 1 of this Amendment amends standing order 120 so that the Minister for Children and Housing cannot make a nomination for the office of the chairman of the scrutiny panel which is assigned the topics of environment, housing and infrastructure; and the Minister for International Development cannot make a nomination for the office of the chairman of the scrutiny panel which is assigned the topics of economic development (including financial services, innovation, competition, and the digital industry), tourism, sport and culture, external relations, international development and international relations.

Amendment 1 of this Amendment also amends the reference to the Minister for Housing so as to refer to the Minister for Children and Housing.

Amendment 2 of this Amendment changes the matters assigned to 2 of the scrutiny panels listed in standing order 135(1) so that there is –

- (a) a scrutiny panel that is assigned the topics of corporate services, corporate policies and treasury and resources; and
- (b) a scrutiny panel that is assigned the topics of economic development (including financial services, innovation, competition, and the digital industry), tourism, sport and culture, external relations and international relations.

Amendment 3 gives the title to this Amendment and provides for it to come into force on the day after the day it is made.



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Made [date to be inserted]
Coming into force [date to be inserted]

THE STATES, under Article 48 of the States of Jersey Law 2005¹, make the following Amendment to the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey² –

1 Standing order 120 (Chairman of a scrutiny panel: appointment process) amended

In standing order 120 in the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey³ –

(a) for paragraphs (1A) and (1B) there is substituted –

“(1A) A nomination for the office of the chairman of the scrutiny panel which is assigned the topics of corporate services, corporate policies and treasury and resources shall not be made by the Chief Minister or the Minister for Treasury and Resources.

(1B) A nomination for the office of the chairman of the scrutiny panel which is assigned the topics of economic development (including financial services, innovation, competition, and the digital industry), tourism, sport and culture, external relations, international development and international relations shall not be made by the Chief Minister, the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture, the Minister for External Relations or the Minister for International Development.”.

(b) in paragraph (1D) for the words “Minister for Housing” there is substituted “Minister for Children and Housing”.

2 Standing order 135 (Scrutiny panels: establishment and constitution) amended

For standing order 135(1)(a) and (b) in the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey⁴ there is substituted –

“(a) a scrutiny panel which is assigned the topics of corporate services, corporate policies and treasury and resources;

(b) a scrutiny panel which is assigned the topics of economic development (including financial services, innovation,

competition, and the digital industry), tourism, sport and culture, external relations, international development and international relations;”.

3 Citation and commencement

This Amendment may be cited as Amendment (No. 39) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey and comes into force on the day after the day it is made.

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