

STATES OF JERSEY



AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS – STATES DECISION TRACKER

Lodged au Greffe on 3rd November 2023
by the Privileges and Procedures Committee
Earliest date for debate: 16th January 2024

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion to make the following amendment to the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey, with immediate effect –

“128 Privileges and Procedures Committee: terms of reference

After paragraph (j), insert the following –

“(k) to develop and maintain a States decision tracker, with the tracker to be updated every quarter and published on the States Assembly website to ensure accessibility by States Members and the public.”

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

REPORT

The Privileges and Procedures Committee has lodged this amendment to Standing Orders in order to introduce the development and maintenance of a States decisions tracker (as part of its Terms of Reference).

The intention behind this is to make it easier for Members and the public to question Ministers (or Committees) about the implementation of decisions and to scrutinise the reasons given for any delay. Where Ministers (or Committees) have decided not to implement a decision, the reasons would need to be stated publicly and Members would have the information they need to question Ministers (and Committees) on this, both in scrutiny and in the Assembly.

In terms of the development and maintenance of the tracker, the Committee has consulted with the Chief Minister and agreed that it should be administered and owned by the Members' Resources Team at the State Greffe but be maintained through correspondence and engagement with Government.

The tracker would be updated every quarter and published on the States Assembly website to ensure accessibility for States Members and the public.

Financial and staffing implications

The development and maintenance of the tracker would be managed within existing resources at the States Greffe.