WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE BY DEPUTY M.R. SCOTT OF ST. BRELADE QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 18th MARCH 2024 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 25th MARCH 2024

Question

"Will the Chair advise whether consideration has been, or is being, given to the introduction of a recall mechanism to allow for the removal of a States Member before the end of their term and, if so, when the Committee will bring this forward?"

Answer

This matter has not been discussed by PPC as yet. The Committee is embarking on a Code of Conduct review, and it is likely that the consultation process with Members and more broadly across the Standards network will lead to discussions regarding what sanctions should be in place for breaches of the Code, which could include the introduction of a recall mechanism.

The Committee is due to meet again on the 15th April 2024 and will discuss the benefits as well as the potential risks of introducing a recall mechanism in Jersey, but it would not be appropriate to bring forward any proposals for change until the Code of Conduct review is concluded. The results of the review will be shared with Members and any suggested amendments to the Code or Standing Orders arising from that consultation process will be lodged for approval by the Assembly before the end of this term.