

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(60th Meeting)

31st October 2007PART A

All members were present, with the exception of Senator M.E. Vibert, from whom apologies had been received.

Connétable D.F. Gray of St. Clement - Chairman  
 Connétable K.A. Le Brun of St. Mary  
 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains  
 Deputy S.C. Ferguson  
 Deputy J. Gallichan  
 Deputy I.J. Gorst

In attendance -

M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States  
 Mrs. A.H. Harris, Deputy Greffier of the States  
 W.J. Bailhache, Q.C., H.M. Attorney General (for a time)  
 P. Monamy, Acting Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A and Part B.

Minutes.

A1. The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2007 (Part A and Part B), having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Electoral reform:  
 correspond-ence  
 received.  
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A2. The Committee noted a letter, dated 18th October 2007, from Mr. A. Podger which elaborated upon proposals for electoral reform previously suggested by members of the public.

**The Committee concluded that the proposals were complicated and unworkable, and that - in the light of recent events in Scotland where a large number of voting ballot papers had been 'spoiled' - it considered that any voting system for Jersey should be kept simple and straightforward.**

The Greffier of the States was asked to write to Mr. Podger accordingly.

Matters for  
 information.

A3. The Committee noted and/or agreed the following items for information -

- (a) that, with reference to its Minute No. A4 of 17th October 2007, it had not yet been verified with the Dean that he continued to be prepared to make himself available to any member of the Assembly who wished to discuss with him in confidence any personal matters. The Greffier of the States undertook to write to the Dean accordingly;
- (b) that, with reference to its Minute No. A1 of 18th September 2007, the findings of the States of Jersey Complaints Board relating to a complaint "relating to any matter of administration by any Committee or Department of the States..." presented to it in accordance with Article 9

of the Administrative Decisions (Review) (Jersey) Law 1982, as amended, should henceforward be presented to the States without further reference to the Committee, although the Committee asked to receive an advance copy of the findings by e-mail on each occasion;

- (c) the Committee agreed that its next meeting would be held on 14th November 2007, commencing at 9.30 a.m. in the Le Capelain Room, States Building, Royal Square. On the agenda for that meeting *inter alia* would be the outcome of the second consultation on the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law (R.60/2007); and Draft Amendment (No. 8) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey (P.162/2007 - lodged 'au Greffe' on 23rd October 2007 by Senator M.E. Vibert).