PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(106th Meeting)

4th May 2011

PART A

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy J.A. Martin, from whom apologies had been received.

Connétable J. Gallichan of St. Mary, Chairman Connétable P.F.M. Hanning of St. Saviour Deputy J.B. Fox Senator B.I. Le Marquand Deputy T.M. Pitman

In attendance -

M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States Mrs. A.H. Harris, Deputy Greffier of the States Miss A-C. Heuston, Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A only.

Electoral Commission. 1240/22/1(59)

A1. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A4 of 31st March 2011, received a draft consultation report entitled 'Electoral Commission: possible options,' in connexion with the establishment of an Electoral Commission following the adoption by the States on 15th March 2011 of the proposition 'Electoral Commission: establishment,' as amended (P.15/2011 refers).

The Committee recalled that it had requested the Greffier of the States to draft the report in connexion with the possible options for the constitution of an Electoral Commission. The Committee noted the content of the draft report, and recalled that the Chief Minister had made a statement in the Assembly on 3rd May 2011 advising that the Council of Ministers proposed, in early course, to lodge a report and proposition setting out draft terms of reference for an in-depth review of the current machinery of government covering matters such as the responsibilities of the Council of Ministers, Ministers and accounting officers. It was agreed that the relationship between any such review and the work of the proposed Electoral Commission would need to be clarified, should the proposition be adopted by the States. The Committee **agreed** that the draft consultation report should be amended to reflect the position following the statement made by the Chief Minister.

The Greffier of the States was requested to take the necessary action.