PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(55th Meeting)

7th February 2017

PART A (Non-exempt)

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy M.J. Norton of St. Brelade, from whom apologies had been received.

Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement, Chairman Connétable D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence Connétable C.H. Taylor of St. John Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier (for all items with the exception of B11) Deputy S.M. Brée of St. Clement

In attendance -

Dr. M. Egan, Greffier of the States
L.M. Hart, Deputy Greffier of the States
W. Milllow, Assistant Greffier of the States
D. Filipponi, Chief Officer, Bailiff's Chambers (for item B1 only)
Deputy J.M. Maçon of St. Saviour (for item B2 only)
K.L. Slack, 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 10th January 2017 (Part A and Part B), having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Standing Order 173 – the taking of photographs in the precincts of the States. 450/99/2(11)

A2. The Deputy Greffier notified the Committee that a request had been received to take photographs at the Jersey Youth Assembly. The Committee recalled that Standing Order 173(4)(g) prohibited a 'stranger' whilst in the precincts of the States from taking a photograph, or recording a moving image, without the leave of the Assembly. However, it was felt that this prohibition related to times when the States were sitting, rather than during school visits, or other organised tours.

The Deputy Greffier reminded the Committee that at times when young people were in the Chamber the permission of the relevant schools and the Chair would need to be obtained before taking photographs.

The Committee recalled that during a recent meeting of the States, one of the Members of the States had taken a photograph using an iPad. Although Standing Order 173(4)(g) did not relate to States Members, it was felt that he had used an electronic device in such a way as to impair decorum, or otherwise cause any disturbance to the proceedings of the States.

The Committee noted the position accordingly.