

KS/MH/075

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(57th Meeting)

7th March 2017**PART A (non-exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy S.M. Brée of St. Clement, from whom apologies had been received.

Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement, Chairman
 Connétable D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence (in attendance for items A1, A2 and B1 – B4 only)
 Connétable C.H. Taylor of St. John
 Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier
 Deputy M.J. Norton of St. Brelade

In attendance -

Dr. M. Egan, Greffier of the States
 L.M. Hart, Deputy Greffier of the States
 W. Millow, Assistant Greffier of the States
 J. Mills, Chairman, States Members' Remuneration Review Body (in attendance for item B1 only)
 I. Black, Member, States Members' Remuneration Review Body (in attendance for item B1 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 meetings held on 7th February 2017 (Part A and Part B) and 10th February 2017 (Part A only), having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

States meeting dates for the first session of 2018. 1240/2(86) A2. The Committee received a report, prepared by the Committee Clerk, in connexion with the proposed States meeting dates for the first session of 2018 and noted that, with the exception of the date of the first meeting of the second session, which was prescribed in Standing Orders, it had not been possible to identify meeting dates after the summer recess, as the Education Department had not yet published the term dates for September 2018 onwards.

The Committee recalled that, in accordance with Standing Order 4 of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey, it was required to propose dates and to present them to the States by the end of September. However, as a general election was due to be held in May 2018, a number of States Members had questioned when the States would be meeting during that year.

The Committee further recalled that the Committee, as previously constituted, had taken the decision to avoid, where possible, meeting during any school holiday period and noted that the proposed dates for the first session of 2018, avoided these with the exception of the meeting which was scheduled to commence on 10th April 2018.

The Committee recalled that Standing Order 7 provided that the Assembly must not meet in the 21 day period ending on the day of the elections which, in 2018, would be held on Wednesday 16th May 2018. As the 21 day period prevented any States meeting after Wednesday 25th April 2018, it was agreed that the last meeting of the 'old' States should begin on Tuesday 10th April before the election period 'cut off'. The paper had initially proposed Tuesday 17th April as the last meeting date of the States, but the Committee was mindful that the decision to adopt P.133/2016 'Composition and Election of the States Assembly', as amended, would mean larger constituencies for candidates for Deputy to canvass, so decided to allow an extra week.

The Committee noted that Standing Order 7 would not apply to the traditional, Liberation Day, meeting on 9th May, which was convened by the Bailiff and during which no debate took place.

The Committee was informed that it was proposed to allow just over 2 weeks for the initial induction programme of new members before members were sworn in and the new States met on Monday 4th June to elect the Chief Minister. The meeting for the election of Ministers and Chairmen of committees and panels would take place on Thursday 7th June, with a continuation on the Friday, if necessary. The election of committee and panel members would take place on Tuesday 12th June 2018.

The meeting dates for the first session of 2018 were accordingly approved as follows:

First Session

	Continuation (if necessary)
January 16th	January 17th and 18th
January 30th	January 31st and February 1st
February 20th	February 21st and 22nd
March 6th	March 7th and 8th
March 20th	March 21st and 22nd
April 10th	April 11th and 12th
May 9th	
June 4th	
June 7th	June 8th
June 12th	
June 26th	June 27th and 28th
July 10th	July 11th and 12th