

KS/SC/082

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(58th Meeting)

10th March 2017**PART A (Non-exempt)**

(Meeting conducted via electronic mail)

All members were present, with the exception of Connétable D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence and Deputy S.M. Brée of St. Clement, from whom apologies had been received.

Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement, Chairman
 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 -

L.M. Hart, Deputy Greffier of the States
 K.L. Slack, Clerk to the

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

Electoral
 Reform
 (P.10/2017)
 and Electoral
 Reform
 (P.10/2017):
 Amendment –
 Comment.
 1240/22/1(69)

A1. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. B8 of 7th March 2017, gave consideration to a draft comment in response to the Proposition of Senator L.J. Farnham: 'Electoral Reform' (P.10/2017) and Deputy J.M. Maçon of St. Saviour's amendment thereto.

The Committee recalled that there was some expectation that the Assembly would look to it to comment upon the practicalities of holding a referendum and how it would impact on the work that was being undertaken to implement the decision, taken by the States Assembly on 2nd February 2017, to adopt the Proposition of Deputy A.D. Lewis of St. Helier: 'Composition and Election of the States Assembly' (P.133/2016), as amended.

The Committee further recalled that, as previously constituted, it had indicated in R.80/2014 – 'Referenda: Review of Procedures', that a better alternative to imposing a minimum threshold was to recommend that a referendum should only be held in Jersey on the same day as a general election. It noted that if the amendment of Deputy Maçon, which proposed that the referendum should be held on the same day as the general election in 2018, was approved, it would not be possible to implement P.133/2016, as amended, until 2022.

Accordingly, the Committee approved the draft comment and requested the Deputy Greffier to arrange for the same to be presented to the States in advance of the meeting on 14th March 2017.