PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(61st Meeting)

16th May 2017

PART A (Non-exempt)

All members were present, with the exception of Connétable D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence and Deputy M.J. Norton of St. Brelade, 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 S.M. Brée of St. Clement

In attendance -

L.M. Hart, Deputy Greffier of the States W. Millow, Assistant Greffier of the States 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 25th April 2017 (Part A and Part B), having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Forthcoming business for debate by the States Assembly. 465/1(210)

A2. The Committee received a list of forthcoming business for debate by the States Assembly at its next 3 meetings and considered whether it wished to make a formal comment on any of the Propositions that had been lodged 'au Greffe'.

The Committee recalled that it had expressed the wish to present a comment on the Proposition of Senator S.C. Ferguson, 'Chief Minister: Term Limit' (P.24/2017) and noted that a draft comment was the subject of item B5 of the current meeting.

It further recalled that it would be presenting a comment on the Proposition of Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier's Proposition, 'Standing Orders: answers to questions' (P. 25/2017), which was the subject of item B6 of the current meeting.

Establishment of a Sub – Committee to formulate policy in respect of e-petitions. 465/4(25)

A3. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. B5 of 25th April 2017, recalled that it had decided to present a comment in respect of the Proposition of Deputy S.M. Wickenden of St. Helier, entitled – 'E-Petitions' (P.14/2017), which indicated that it was broadly supportive of the initiative.

The Deputy Greffier advised the Committee that it had been suggested that a Sub-Committee should be established to give consideration to this matter and that Deputy J.M. Maçon of St. Saviour and Deputy S.M. Wickenden of St. Helier had volunteered to be members thereof. The Committee indicated that the Sub-Committee should be chaired by one of the Committee members and suggested that Deputy M.J. Norton of St. Brelade should be asked to fulfil this role.

The Committee instructed the Deputy Greffier to seek Deputy Norton's agreement accordingly.

States meeting dates for 2018. 1240/2(86)

A4. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 7th March 2017, recalled that it had previously agreed the States meeting dates for the first session of 2018, but had been unable, at that juncture, to agree the dates for the second session as the term dates for the 2018 - 2019 school year had not been published.

The Committee noted that those dates had now been released and received the proposed meeting dates for the States for the whole of 2018 from the Deputy Greffier. It noted that the half-term week of 28th October to 2nd November 2018 had been avoided and that the first meeting of the States in 2019 would commence on 15th January 2019.

The meeting dates 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

Second Session

July 11th and 12th

	Continuation (if necessary)
September 11th	September 12th and 13th
September 25th	September 26th and 27th
October 9th	October 10th and 11th
October 23rd	October 24th and 25th
November 6th	November 7th and 8th
November 20th	November 21st and 22nd
December 4th	December 5th and 6th

July 10th

The Committee requested the Deputy Greffier to arrange for the meeting dates for 2018 to be presented to the States as a Report.