PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(70th Meeting)

16th August 2017

(Business conducted via electronic mail)

PART A (Non-exempt)

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier, 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 S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier Deputy S.M. Brée of St. Clement Deputy S.M. Wickenden of St. Helier

In attendance -

L.M. Hart, Deputy Greffier of the States K.L. Slack, Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

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

A1. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 11th July 2017, recalled that it had decided to present comments on the Proposition by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade, entitled: 'Bailiff of Jersey: cessation of dual role and the appointment of an elected Speaker of the States' (P.62/2017).

It further recalled that, notwithstanding the fact that it was not unanimous in its opinion in relation to the role of the Presiding Officer, it had nevertheless been of the view that it would assist States Members if it were to update and recirculate the comments which it had previously presented in respect of P.54/2016, which was a similarly worded Proposition.

Accordingly, the Committee received updated comments which provided States Members with hyperlinks to previous report and debates on the subject, together with letters from the current and former Bailiffs and extracts from the findings of the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry, which touched on the dual role of the Bailiff.

The Committee approved the updated comments and instructed the Committee Clerk to arrange for them to be presented to the States.

Bailiff of Jersey: cessation of dual role and the appointment of an elected Speaker of the States (P.62/2017): Comments. 465/1(212)