

KS/MH/037

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(85th Meeting)

26th January 2018(Meeting conducted via electronic mail)**PART A (Non-exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour, Deputy S.M. Brée of St. Clement and Deputy S.M. Wickenden of St. Helier, from whom apologies had been received.

Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement, Chairman
 Connétable D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence
 Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier

In attendance -

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 only.

Standing
 Orders:
 Answers to
 Questions
 (P.25/2017).
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A1. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. B6 of 5th December 2017, recalled that it had previously approved a draft Amendment to Standing Orders, to give effect to the Proposition of Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier, entitled 'Standing Orders: Answers to Questions' (P.25/2017), which had been adopted by the States Assembly on 23rd May 2017.

The Committee further recalled that it had been decided that the requirement for answers to be directly relevant to questions should also extend to written questions and that it had approved a policy under Standing Order 160 that any written material, which was circulated after the meeting of the States, but was directly relevant to the proceedings thereof, could, at the request of the Greffier, be incorporated into the official transcript of the meeting if it was considered necessary, or beneficial, so to do.

The Committee was mindful that, at its meeting on 5th December 2017, it had instructed officers to prepare a Report to accompany the draft Amendment. Accordingly, it received and approved a Report, prepared by the Assistant Greffier and requested him to arrange for the draft Amendment to be lodged 'au Greffe' for debate in due course, once the Law Draftsman's Office had undertaken the relevant internal checks.