

Privileges and Procedures Committee

Machinery of Government Sub-Committee

(6th Meeting )

26th April 2024

**Part A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present with the exception of Connétable Shenton-Stone of St. Martin from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy T. Coles of St. Helier South, Chair  
Deputy H. Jeune of St John, St Lawrence and Trinity  
Deputy M. Scott of St. Brelade  
Deputy R. Kovacs of St. Saviour  
Deputy L. Feltham of St. Helier Central

In attendance –

Y. Fillieul, Assistant Greffier  
J. Lepp, Research and Project Officer  
J. Hales, Research and Project Officer

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A

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| Minutes.   | A1. The Sub-Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 20th December 2023.  |
| Vice Chair Appointment.  | A2. The Chair proposed that Deputy Jeune be nominated as Vice Chair. The Sub-Committee agreed and approved of the Chair's nomination.  |
| Welcome to New Members.  | A3. The Sub-Committee reviewed the Machinery of Government position paper and Terms of Reference. The Sub-Committee noted that the Democratic Accountability and Governance (DAG) report recommendations would continue to be worked on. The Sub-Committee discussed how States Members could have a better understanding of how government works and further documentation on Ministerial responsibilities.<br><br>The Sub-Committee tasked the Research and Project Officer with finding out and circulating further information regarding Ministerial responsibilities. |
| Democratic Accountability and Governance Sub-Committee Recommendations | A4. The Sub-Committee noted that the response on DAG report recommendations was received from the previous Chief Minister. The Sub-Committee tasked the Research and Project Officer with drafting a letter to the new Chief Minister requesting input on the recommendations.   |
| Law Drafting   | A5. The Sub-Committee received an update from the Research and Project Officer and   |

- Training. Assistant Greffier on training for States Members on ‘instructing the drafter’. The Sub-Committee agreed that a Lunch and Learn session for two hours would be the most effective session. The Assistant Greffier and the Research and Project Officer were tasked with arranging training session dates for June 2024.
- Standing Orders 113/115 A6. The Sub-Committee discussed Standing Orders 113/155 in regard to the Vote of No Confidence (VONC). The Sub-Committee noted the current time frames for nomination and discussed whether there should be different time frames around the election of a Chief Minister for situations such as the VONC, in the event of a death of a current Chief Minister, or a resignation of a current Chief Minister. The Sub-Committee tasked the Research and Project Officer with circulating a briefing paper to the Sub-Committee on Chief Minister election processes in other jurisdictions, including what the process is for the announcement of the Deputy Chief Minister.
- Ministerial/Scrutiny Chair Appointments A7. The Sub-Committee agreed to defer this item until the 17<sup>th</sup> May meeting.
- P.94-2023 on Minimum Size on Scrutiny Panels A8. The Sub-Committee agreed to defer this item until the 17<sup>th</sup> May meeting.
- Review of Work Programme A9. The Sub-Committee agreed to defer this item until comments on the DAG Recommendations have been received by the new Chief Minister and discuss at a future meeting.
- Future Meetings. A10. The Sub-Committee noted that the next meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in the Morier House Seymour Room from 11:00am-12:00pm.