

STATES OF JERSEY



CODE OF PRACTICE FOR SCRUTINY PANELS AND THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE: AMENDMENT

Lodged au Greffe on 9th March 2009
by the Chairmen's Committee

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

to refer to their Act dated 12th March 2008 in which they approved the Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee and to their Act of 21st October 2008, in which they approved amendments to the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey and to approve the following amendments to the Code of Practice to bring it in line with the revised Standing Orders –

(a) in Paragraph 2.1 delete the words “Two additional members are appointed by the States on the nomination of the President of the Chairmen’s Committee (Note: alternative nominations may also be considered by the States)”;

(b) after Paragraph 4.15 insert a new section entitled “Co-option” to read –

“4.16 Panels may co-opt an additional non-executive Member onto a Panel for the purposes of assisting with a specific review.

4.17 A member can only be co-opted onto a Panel if (s)he is not already a member of two Scrutiny Panels.

4.18 The co-opted Member must only take part in discussions on the specific review for which (s)he has been co-opted and not in any other Panel business”,

and renumber the Code as necessary;

(c) in Appendix 4, delete 4[1]. substitute 4[4] with revised Standing Order 121 as approved by the States on 21st October 2008, and renumber the Appendix accordingly.

CHAIRMEN’S COMMITTEE

REPORT

These amendments will simply update the Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee to bring it in line with the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey as revised on 21st October 2008. Except as described below the amendments all arise as a direct result of those changes.

Amendment (a)

Standing Order 142 has been amended to remove the two independent Members from the Chairmen's Committee. This amendment reflects this change by amending the Code.

Amendment (b)

Standing Order 138 (5A,5B and 5C) were inserted in Standing Orders by the recent amendments to permit the possibility of co-opting another Member onto a Scrutiny Panel for a specific review. This amendment inserts reference to co-option in the Code which will need to be renumbered as a result.

Amendment (c)

This amendment makes 2 changes to Appendix 4. The first corrects an error as 4[1] was repeated as 4[5] in the Code as approved and is therefore redundant. The second change inserts the revised Standing Order 121 in 4[4].

Financial and manpower implications

There are no financial or manpower implications.