

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY, 25th APRIL 2006

Question

Would the Chairman inform members –

- (a) whether the proposals the Committee is bringing forward on the Composition of the States will address the issue of the size of the membership of the States?
- (b) what preliminary conclusions, if any, have been reached in this regard to date?

Answer

The Privileges and Procedures Committee has begun its consideration of the composition and election of the States. The Committee is initially concentrating on the issue of low voter turn out at elections and is investigating the possibility of engaging a professional company to conduct a questionnaire to establish the reasons behind the problem and to determine the public's view on such matters as the size and composition of the States and whether it was felt that having a general election day would encourage more people to vote. The Committee is also considering the possibility of fixing a limit on election campaign expenditure and will shortly be conducting a questionnaire to establish how much members spent on their last campaign.