

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES  
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 19th JULY 2010**

**Question**

Following the recommendation in the recent report of the Public Election Working Group to change the opening hours of the polls from 8am to 9am, will the Chairman advise whether any analysis was undertaken on the potential reduction this would have on voter turn out before this recommendation was made and can she advise whether this is something the Committee unanimously supports?

**Answer**

Deputy Tadier is requesting information about the research undertaken by a Working Party which he sat on, and I did not. While the Committee as a whole does not know what research the Working Party undertook, I imagine the Deputy himself does as he was a member.

The Committee received the report of the Working Party at its meeting on 29th June 2010 and presented it to the States on 2nd July 2010, with a foreword from the Committee inviting feedback on the Working Party's findings and recommendations (R.94/2010 refers).

The Committee did not, discuss the recommendations in detail, as it was agreed that members would wish to consider the Working Party's recommendations alongside any submissions received from interested parties upon the close of the consultation period.

Comments on the report of the Public Elections Working Party are invited by close of business on Friday 30th July 2010.