

## **2.9 Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville of the Chairman of the Comité des Connétables regarding the compilation of a booklet following the adoption of P.60/2011:**

Given that in June 2011, the States adopted P.60/2011 requesting the Constables to investigate the possibility of compiling a booklet by January 2012 to publicise to their parishioners the workings of the Parish Assemblies and to investigate publishing a standardised set of recommended procedures for use at these Assemblies, can the Chairman advise Members whether this has been done and if not, why not?

### **Connétable D.J. Murphy of Grouville (Vice-Chairman of the Comité des Connétables - rapporteur):**

In the absence of the Chairman, I have been asked to respond. I am pleased to report that the final version of the booklet was agreed yesterday by the Comité des Connétables and will be made available very soon through the Parish websites and printed copies will be available to any parishioner on request at the Parish Halls. As stated in the Comité's report of R.4/2012, the Comité has considered publishing a standard set of recommended procedures for use at Parish Assemblies but these would, in fact, be the requirements set out in law and therefore they are covered in the booklet.

#### **2.9.1 The Deputy of Grouville:**

I am heartened by the Constable's comments and, indeed, the comments on my desk this morning in P.119/2012 but given that the States Assembly requested the publication by January of this year, can the Constable give this Assembly an indication when the publication might take place when the information might be available to the public rather than just "very soon"?

#### **The Connétable of Grouville:**

The booklet was, in fact, ready in January but it had to go through the Law Officers' Department before we could arrange for it to be published. Very soon; I am not sure, that will depend on each Parish getting it on to their website as quickly as they can. I would say a matter of weeks rather than longer.

#### **2.9.2 Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier:**

I wonder if the Connétable could tell us whether within this booklet there will be steps taken or he believes this booklet will encourage people... notwithstanding the excellent contributions made by people within Parishes, poor attendance is a major issue in Assemblies. What steps are contained within the booklet to enhance attendance at such Assemblies?

#### **The Connétable of Grouville:**

The purpose of the booklet is to let people know exactly what happens at Parish Assemblies and how they can work with the Parish Assemblies. It does not go into detail about encouraging people to attend them even though obviously we do encourage people to attend them.