

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN FOR PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2015**

Question

Will the Chairman provide a comparison of secretarial, administrative support and office accommodation that is made available to other Commonwealth parliamentarians and, if this information is not readily available, undertake to undertake some research in this regard and report back to the Assembly to ensure that Jersey is providing optimal support for its elected representatives to carry out their work most effectively in the public interest?

Answer

PPC as currently constituted, or as previously constituted, has not to date undertaken any comparative survey of the facilities available for members in Jersey against those available to members in other Commonwealth parliaments. PPC did however undertake a comprehensive survey of States members in 2009 to ascertain members' views on improving facilities but the percentage of respondents who considered that improvements were needed was relatively small. Only 26% of respondents thought that a library with no staffing should be established and the same percentage thought that researchers and/or a research budget should be available to States members. Only 18% of respondents thought that a library with staff should be created. In light of the survey results no significant changes to the facilities for members were proposed by PPC at the time.

PPC has not discussed the request made by the questioner and I have therefore asked for this matter to be included on our next agenda so that PPC can decide whether it would be worthwhile to undertake the study requested by the questioner.