

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES  
COMMITTEE BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST HELIER  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**

**Question**

Will the Chairman set out for members the grounds by which the Bailiff or Deputy Bailiff may reject questions and/or propositions submitted by States Members and the justification for non-elected members of the States of Jersey to take such decisions, which may prevent elected members from scrutinizing the government of the Island or raising matters of public concern?

**Answer**

The Bailiff's role in approving written, oral and urgent oral questions, as well as propositions, is set out in Standing Orders 11, 13, 15 and 21 respectively. It is common practice for the presiding officer of a parliamentary body to be given such responsibility.