

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO
THE CHAIR OF THE PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE
BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER CENTRAL
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 30th JANUARY 2023
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2023**

Question

“Will the Chair provide details of what plans, if any, are proposed to provide constituency offices to improve facilities for Deputies and allow for improved public engagement?”

Answer

The Committee has established a Sub-Committee to consider constituency offices. The establishment of constituency offices was included within the Government’s 100 Day Plan and although meetings have been held between the Chair of PPC, the Chief Minister and the Chair of the Comité des Connétables, the Committee believes a dedicated Sub-Committee will ensure coordinated political oversight of the project.

It is anticipated that the Terms of Reference for the Sub-Committee will be as follows:

- a) To identify the resourcing requirements (including venues, staffing and equipment) in order to establish, or embed, a constituency office in each constituency (or, where the constituency comprises more than one Parish, in each Parish of that constituency);
- b) To consider how the provision of constituency offices sits alongside the provision of central facilities in Town for States Members;
- c) To report back to the Privileges and Procedures Committee with findings and recommendations for the establishment or embedding of constituency offices in time for any recommendations to be considered during the preparation of the Government Plan 2024-2027.

The Committee has ensured that the Sub-Committee’s membership includes at least one member from each constituency:

- Connétable K Shenton-Stone (St Martin)
- Deputy L.K.F Stephenson (St Mary, St Ouen, St Peter)
- Deputy M.R Scott (St Brelade)
- Deputy M Tadier (St Brelade)
- Deputy P.F.C Ozouf (St Saviour)
- Deputy K.F Morel (St Lawrence, St John and Trinity)
- Deputy C.S Alves (St Helier Central)
- Deputy R.J Ward (St Helier Central)
- Deputy I Gardiner (St Helier North)
- Deputy T.A Coles (St Helier South)
- Deputy B Ward (St Clement)

The Sub-Committee's first meeting will be held on 23rd February 2023. Arrangements are also being made for those members attending an upcoming CPA event at Westminster in May to have the opportunity to visit an established constituency office.