

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SCRUTINY LIAISON COMMITTEE
BY DEPUTY M.B. ANDREWS OF ST HELIER NORTH
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2023
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2023**

Question

“Will the President advise if the Scrutiny Liaison Committee supports amending Standing Orders in relation to scrutiny panel membership, requiring a minimum number of three elected members on each panel, and if not, why not?”

Answer

The Committee notes the lodging of P.94.2023 Scrutiny panel constitution: Minimum size by Deputy M.B. Andrews on 7th November. It will endeavour to give proper consideration to this, in line with its responsibility for the oversight of the scrutiny function, ahead of the debate (scheduled for the States meeting commencing on 28th November) and outline its position in Comments presented to the Assembly. The most appropriate opportunity for the necessary consideration is at the Committee’s next scheduled meeting on 21st November.

For additional context, it might be noted that the Committee is, co-incidentally, already set to discuss its approach to all of the scrutiny relevant recommendations made by the Democratic Accountability and Governance Sub-Committee in the previous Assembly, as contained in its final report R.23/2022. This holistic piece of work includes the issue of minimum and maximum sizes of scrutiny panels.