

**STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE
COMPOSITION AND ELECTION OF THE STATES ASSEMBLY ON
16TH MARCH 2004**

The newly constituted Special Committee on the Composition and Election of the States Assembly will be meeting between 12 noon and 2 p.m. on Monday 29th March 2004, in the Halkett Room, Morier House, to discuss how to take forward the work of the Committee and to draw up a timetable for its work.

In accordance with the decision of the States when establishing the Committee, the meeting will be open to the public although it is not anticipated that those attending this meeting will be invited to participate as this meeting is being held to plan the future work programme and not to take firm decisions on which recommendations to take forward.

I would like to stress to members that, despite recent media reports on comments that have been made about options for change in the electoral system, the Committee, as newly-constituted, has not yet met and no decisions have been taken on the appropriate way forward.