

2. Statement by the Chairman of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel regarding the review of the Draft Public Elections (Expenditure and Donations) (Jersey) Regulations 200-

2.1 Deputy P.J.D. Ryan:

I am making this statement today to inform the Assembly that my panel has reversed its decision of 17th July 2008 for the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel to review the Draft Public Elections (Expenditure and Donations) (Jersey) Regulations 200- although there is no doubt that this legislation is severely flawed. Following the statement from the Attorney General yesterday where it was explained that he would not, after all, consider retrospective prosecution, it became clearer to me that the panel's decision to scrutinise this legislation meant that it would not be possible for the States to pass regulations to limit election expenditure in time for this year's Senator and Connétable elections, although perhaps still possible for the Deputy elections. The Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel has no wish to stand in the way of the States making a decision in time for this year's elections.

The Deputy Bailiff:

Very well. So on that basis, does the Assembly wish then to proceed with the consideration of the regulations? I take it yes. Very well, Chairman, I invite you to proceed.