



Deputy R. Labey
Chairman, Privileges and Procedures Committee
States Greffe
Jersey

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Dear Chairman,

Legislative Scrutiny

Thank you for your recent correspondence extending an invitation for a member of the Chairmen's Committee to join your proposed sub-committee examining how legislative scrutiny can be enhanced, in respect of procedural changes and resourcing, following withdrawal of P.103/2018. Whilst current workloads mean that we are not yet able to nominate our representative, we welcome the invitation and will update you in due course.

It the meantime, it may be helpful to briefly outline our current position. We are certainly supportive of seeking to enhance the framework provided by Standing Orders for the passage of legislation through the Assembly and its Scrutiny Panels. Many aspects of P.103 can be supported, but areas that give rise to reservations which we would wish to see addressed are:

- short timeframes allocated to Scrutiny work
- inclusion of non-legislative propositions (diluting the focus that should properly be on legislation, as existing procedures for policy based matters appear largely appropriate)
- inclusion of 'backbench' propositions
- impact on staff resources in the Scrutiny section of the States Greffe. Some expansion of that team may be necessary

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kristina Moore'.

Senator Kristina Moore
President, Chairmen's Committee