

STATES OF DELIBERATION

8th March, 2016

Billet d'État No. X

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy J P Le Tocq
Seconded by: Deputy A H Langlois

States Assembly and Constitution Committee Submission of Items to the States

1. In Proposition 1 (ii) (10), to delete “the seventh clear day” and substitute “the eleventh clear day”.

Explanatory Note and Rule 15(2) information

The effect of this Amendment is to enable the Policy Council’s successor committee, Policy and Resources Committee to put into effect the November 2015 Policy Letter and States’ Resolutions as described in this Billet’s Policy letter from page 2010 (*emphasis in bold added*):

*“The very different arrangements proposed by the Committee would, if approved by the States, provide for greater flexibility and transparency **and strengthen the prospects for co-ordination in how the States manage their agenda, how policy letters and other papers are published and submitted to the States, how the senior committee comments on the proposals of other committees, etc.**”*

The current proposals may only provide P & R members with as little as *1 or 2 business hours* in which to carry out this new and important function, which if un-challenged, may weaken the co-ordinating function of the new Committee.

H M Greffier will, after 15.00 on Friday Week 1, publish and circulate any propositions/ Policy Letters. In order for P & R to prepare a proposed schedule of business for the next States meeting by the Friday of Week 2, **“having first taken into account the nature and significance of the item and the volume of other business already arranged for future Meeting”** as per paragraph 2, Line 11 page 2014 of Billet x, the propositions will have to be discussed at a meeting of P & R in Week 2. P & R is likely to meet weekly at 9 a.m. on a Monday morning in the new States’ term.

This amendment, if successful, will require propositions/ Policy Letters to be submitted to H M Greffier *four business days* earlier than proposed; by 15 00 *on Monday of week 1 (on the working day preceeding the eleventh clear day) excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays*) and will give P & R much needed additional time prior to that meeting to enable P & R members to consider the propositions which will be circulated to P & R members

together with meeting agenda papers on the Wednesday before the P & R meeting. The effect of the amendment, should it be successful is as follows:

*Monday Week 1 by 15.00 - A Committee submits its Policy Letter/Proposition to H M Greffier

*Monday Week 1 after 15.00 - HM Greffier publishes and circulates the Proposition/Policy Letter

*Wednesday Week 1 – P & R circulates Policy Letter/Propositions to members with agenda for meeting on Monday 9 a.m. Week 2

*Monday Week 2 - P & R meet at 9 a.m. to consider, among other core business propositions/ Policy Letter States meeting order of items “***taking into account the nature and significance of the item and the volume of other business already arranged for future Meetings***”

*Friday Week 2- by 15 00 - P & R issue proposed schedule for future States Meeting.

No financial implications arise from this amendment for the States

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MOTION UNDER SECTION 7(1) OF THE REFORM (GUERNSEY) LAW, 1948

Proposed by: Deputy M M Lowe
Seconded by: Deputy M P J Hadley

To suspend Rules 13(2) and 15(2) and any other provisions of the Rules of Procedure to the extent necessary to permit the amendment set out below to be debated and take effect.

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Proposed by: Deputy M M Lowe
Seconded by: Deputy M P J Hadley

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To add the following propositions:

- “5. To rescind their resolution of 19th February 2016 on Article XXII of Billet d'Etat III of 2016.
6. To direct the States Assembly and Constitution Committee to arrange for those persons whose names are on the Electoral Roll and who attend at Polling Stations on the date of the General Election in April 2016 for the purpose of casting their vote(s) to be invited to answer quite separately the following question: '*do you wish to have up to 38 votes to elect 38 island wide deputies at the 2020 General Election – yes or no*'; the whole so as not to risk any infringement of the law relating to elections and to safeguard absolutely the fairness and integrity of that General Election.”.