

**THE STATES OF DELIBERATION**  
**of the**  
**ISLAND OF GUERNSEY**

**24<sup>th</sup> April, 2019**

**Proposition No. P.2019/23**

**Committee *for* Home Affairs**

**Preparation for a new electoral roll**

**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy J Le Tocq

Seconded by: Deputy A Brouard

To insert the following Propositions after Proposition 4:-

"5. To direct the Policy & Resources Committee in managing Phase Two of the Rolling Electronic Census Project (as approved by the States on 26th March 2013) to ensure that:

- (i) there is included in its functionality, the capacity for automated generation of a list of persons eligible to vote; and
- (ii) its implementation, including the submission of any relevant legislation to the States for approval, is in accordance with a time-scale and funding which will enable its integration within the States of Guernsey Future Digital Services programme.

6. To direct the Committee *for* Home Affairs as soon as possible following delivery of Phase Two of the Rolling Electronic Census Project in accordance with Proposition 5, to take such measures as may be necessary, to include consideration of the protection of vulnerable persons' data, to enable elections to take place on the basis of an Electoral Roll compiled from an automatically generated list of persons eligible to vote".

### Explanatory note

The Policy & Resources Committee is subject to an extant resolution 'that the Rolling Electronic Census Project will be delivered in two phases and that a further report will be presented following Phase One proposing the legislative requirements for successful delivery of Phase Two'<sup>1</sup>.

Further, the Committee notes that 'Phase One focuses on delivery of the information contained in a traditional census via electronic means through a new Ordinance and Phase Two, on delivering the wider benefits of a central names and addresses catalogue through primary legislation [to be put to the States of Deliberation later this year]. The benefits that can be realised via Phase Two are:

- i. Automated generation of a list of persons eligible to vote, which can be used to create the Electoral Roll, saving approximately £100,000 every four years; and
- ii. A register of names and addresses, used for population management and/or efficiency purposes (and enhanced efficiency for islanders interacting with the States via [www.gov.gg](http://www.gov.gg)), the precise financial and other benefits of which will be defined in the business case for Phase Two.

The 2013 States' Report anticipated that a report on Phase Two and any associated legislative requirements will be presented to the States for separate debate in due course in order to enable the benefits of Phase One to be realised without delay.'<sup>2</sup>

The Policy & Resources Committee notes that Deputy Dorey has submitted an amendment to the original propositions regarding the preparation for a new electoral roll that seeks to secure the implementation of automated generation of a list of persons eligible to vote for the purposes of the 2024 general election and all elections thereafter. The Committee is of the view that without an understanding of the financial implications for the timescale established by the amendment and in the context of the pending Future Digital Services programme, it would be unwise to progress the amendment as submitted by Deputy Dorey and seeks the support of the Assembly to this alternative amendment.

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<sup>1</sup> Billet d'État No.V of 2013

<sup>2</sup> Billet d'État No.V of 2013