

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

25th June, 2019

Proposition P.2019/40

Policy & Resources Committee

Policy & Resource Plan – 2018 Review and 2019 Update

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy J Le Tocq

Seconded by: Deputy A Brouard

1. To insert the following Proposition:

“4. To direct the States’ Assembly & Constitution Committee (SACC) to consult with the Policy & Resources Committee and other Committees of the States (for the avoidance of doubt including Authorities and Boards) on how effective parliamentary rules can be introduced to address the concerns centred on Rule 4(3) which are that:

- i. while every Proposition laid before the Assembly should address the requirements of Rule 4(3), in practice this captures only Original Propositions;
- ii. Secondary Propositions may be laid at any time without the scrutiny set out in Rule 4(3);
 - a. at no point is the Treasury function of the States of Guernsey required to have oversight of or comment on financial implications of propositions;
and
- iii. at no point is the States of Guernsey policy function required to have oversight to ensure that overarching policy matters such as climate change or health and well-being have been considered as resolved by the Assembly ”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Proposition 1(g) seeks to require Committees of the States to work within the parameters they set. However the Policy & Resources Committee considers that the solution offered by Amendment 3, if laid, also will not achieve the ambition. For this reason the Committee asks the Assembly to direct the appropriate Committee (i.e. SACC) to take the matter away and review this section of the Rules which are clearly unworkable.

Rule 4(3) is designed to catch all Propositions. This must be right because a Secondary Proposition that, for example, has financial implications should have the estimate of the financial implications explained within it. If the States have no information on the financial implications they would not be acting within the principles of good governance if the Amendment was carried.