

**Response to a Question Pursuant to Rule 14
of The Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees**

Subject: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – PROGRESS UPDATE

States' Member: Deputy Gavin St Pier

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Question

On 4th November 2020, whilst providing the States of Deliberation with the Policy & Resources Committee's first routine Statement of this term, Deputy Ferbrache advised the Assembly it should expect that the Committee:

- would report back in January with proposals as to how Guernsey Finance can attract business;
- would present concrete proposals within 2-3 months to repeal, amend or change restrictions on the Open Market;

and within 3 months – i.e. by early February – individual members of the Committee would provide Statements to the Assembly on:

- Air and sea connectivity;
- Practical action on unused hotels;
- Civil service reform and transformation;
- Empowering the Douzaines;
- Medical tourism;
- Concrete proposals on insolvency and bankruptcy laws;
- A list of practical capital projects;
- Staff terms and conditions;

and to expect prompt and periodic reports on:

- Saving costs working with Jersey and the Isle of Man;
- Better management of States' properties; and
- A review of the structure of government.

Nearly 4 months later, the Assembly has received no information, policy letters or Statements on any these topics in accordance with the Committee's own deadlines.

Having said, “What we can say with absolute conviction is that we will get on with things and meet deadlines,” when will the Committee present to the Assembly proposals or Statements of the action taken on these important issues?

Response

Thank you for your question, and the opportunity to respond. The P&R Committee have provided some update to the Assembly by way of Deputy Soulsby’s Statement in January, and Deputy Helyar’s Statement in February. In addition, I plan to make a Statement to the Assembly on the 24th March, in which I will provide an update on many of the key areas you highlight.

Deputy Peter Ferbrache
President
Policy & Resources Committee