# IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY ON THE 26TH DAY OF MARCH, 2014

# The States resolved as follows concerning Billet d'État No VII dated $7^{\rm th}$ March 2014

#### **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

#### **CHAIRMAN**

I.- To elect Deputy R. A. Jones as Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee to complete the unexpired portion of the term of office of the late Alderney Representative E.
P. Arditti, namely to serve until May 2016, in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules relating to the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

## SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENT

#### **MEMBER**

II.- To elect Deputy D. A. Inglis as a Member of the Social Security Department to complete the unexpired portion of the term of office of Deputy C. J. Green, who has resigned as a member of that Department, namely to serve until May 2016, in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules relating to the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

### PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

## **MEMBER**

III.- To elect Deputy P. A. Harwood as a Member of the Public Accounts Committee to complete the unexpired portion of the term of office of the late Alderney Representative E. P. Arditti, namely to serve until May 2016, in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules relating to the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

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# IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY ON THE 27TH DAY OF MARCH, 2014

(Adjourned from 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2014)

The States resolved as follows concerning Billet d'État No V dated 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014

#### STATES ASSEMBLY AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

#### REMOTE ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF THE STATES

V. After consideration of the Report dated 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 of the States Assembly and Constitution Committee:-

- 1. TO NEGATIVE THE PROPOSITION that "The Rules relating to the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees" be amended with immediate effect as follows:
  - a) After Rule 12, a new Rule 12A be inserted as follows:

"Convening of Meetings

- 12A A meeting of the Policy Council, a Department or a Committee, or a Sub-Committee of any of the aforementioned, as the case may be, shall be convened for a specific time, date and place. The person chairing the meeting shall be present at that place."
- b) In Rule 13, after paragraph (5) be inserted:
  - "(6) Excepting the Policy Council, if a member of a Department or a Committee of the States, as the case may be, who has obtained the prior permission of the person who will preside at the meeting, is, by telephone, live television link or any other means of telecommunications, in communication with the other members so that each member can hear or read what is said or communicated by each of the others, each member so participating is deemed (subject to paragraph (9) below) to be present at the meeting with the other members who are present or so participating for all purposes including the quorum and voting.
  - (7) It shall be at the absolute discretion of the person who will preside at the meeting to decide whether or not to agree to the request and in so deciding the person presiding may take into account any factors whatsoever which are considered relevant.

- (8) A member shall not be permitted to attend from a remote location by telephone if another member has been given permission to attend that same meeting by an audiovisual link or vice versa.
- (9) In the event that the link fails or is corrupted or confidentiality is compromised, the person presiding at the meeting shall have discretion at any point during the meeting to determine that a member who is in a remote location can no longer be regarded as in attendance.
- (10) Paragraphs 13(6) to (9) of this Rule apply to meetings of Sub-Committees of any Department or Committee of the States constituted under the terms of Rules 16 or 16A."
- 2. TO NEGATIVE THE PROPOSITION that States' Departments and Committees be required to distinguish in their bi-annual returns of Members' attendance at meetings not only between attendance at all or part of a meeting but also to indicate whether such attendance was "physical" or from a remote location.
- 3. TO NEGATIVE THE PROPOSITION that any costs incurred in setting up and making the communications required for remote attendance at meetings of States' Departments and Committees under the terms of Rule 13(6) be treated as General Revenue expenditure.

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