



Date of Vote: 27th March, 2014

Billet d'État: V of 2014
Article: 5
Department/Committee: States Assembly and Constitution Committee
Subject: Remote Attendance at Meetings of Committees of the States

Propositions: 1-3

1. *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) insert:*

"(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. *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. *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.*

LOST: **Pour: 22** **Contre: 25** **Abstained: 0** **Not Present: 0**

St. Peter Port South

Deputy Peter A. Harwood	P
Deputy Jan Kuttelwascher	C
Deputy Barry L. Brehaut	C
Deputy Roger Domaille	P
Deputy Allister H. Langlois	P
Deputy Robert A. Jones	P

St. Peter Port North

Deputy Michelle K. Le Clerc	P
Deputy John A. B. Gollop	P
Deputy Peter A. Sherbourne	P
Deputy Richard Conder	C
Deputy Martin J. Storey	C
Deputy Elis G. Bebb	P
Deputy Lester C. Queripel	C

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Deputy Gavin A. St. Pier	P
Deputy Kevin A. Stewart	P
Deputy Peter L. Gillson	C
Deputy Paul R. Le Pelley	C
Deputy Scott J. Ogier	P
Deputy Lyndon S. Trott	P

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Deputy Matthew J. Fallaize	C
Deputy David B. Jones	P
Deputy Laurie B. Queripel	C
Deputy Mary M. Lowe	C
Deputy Andrew R. Le Lièvre	C
Deputy Anthony Spruce	C
Deputy Garry M. Collins	C

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Deputy Darren J. Duquemin	C
Deputy Christopher J. Green	C
Deputy Mark H. Dorey	C
Deputy Barry J. E. Paint	C
Deputy Jonathan P. Le Tocq	P
Deputy Sandra A. James MBE	C
Deputy A. Hunter Adam	C

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Deputy Alvord H. Brouard	C
Deputy Arrun M. Wilkie	P
Deputy David de G. De Lisle	C
Deputy Yvonne Burford	C
Deputy David A. Inglis	P

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Deputy Heidi J. R. Soulsby	P
Deputy Robert W. Sillars	P
Deputy Paul A. Luxon	P
Deputy Michael G. O’Hara	P
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Alderney Representative R. Neil Harvey	P