

IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

ON THE 17TH DAY OF MAY, 2002

The States resolved as follows concerning Billet d'Etat No. VII
dated 19th April, 2002

**STATES ADVISORY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
and
STATES PROCEDURES AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE**

THE MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT IN GUERNSEY

After consideration of the Joint Report dated the 11th April, 2002, of the States Advisory and Finance Committee and the States Procedures and Constitution Committee:-

1. (1) That, as set out in that Report, the government of Guernsey shall comprise;
 - a. A Chief Minister
 - b. Ministers
 - c. Departments
 - d. A Policy Council.
- (2) TO NEGATIVE THE PROPOSITION that there shall be a Chief Minister's Department.
2. (1) That, as set out in that Report:
 - a.. Electoral districts for the election of People's Deputies shall be based on parish boundaries.
 - b. The position of Douzaine Representative shall be abolished.
 - c. There shall be a Parish Representative for each parish, elected by the electorate of the parish, from candidates who shall be Douzeniers.
- (2) TO NEGATIVE THE PROPOSITION that the number of People's Deputies shall be reduced to 35.
- 2A. To direct those Committees, notwithstanding Resolutions 1 and 2:

(a) jointly to undertake a survey of community opinion, in a form which appears to them appropriate and representative, to ascertain whether a majority of the community broadly supports those Resolutions;

(b) if in the opinion of those Committees the results of that survey do not indicate broad majority support for those Resolutions, jointly to report to the States with their considered recommendations.

3. To direct the States Advisory and Finance Committee to report to the States and submit appropriate proposals, unless Resolution 2A(b) applies, for:

- a. The functions and responsibilities of the Chief Minister;
- b. The designations, functions and responsibilities of Ministers and Departments;
- c. The functions and responsibilities of the Policy Council;
- d. The Functions and responsibilities of non-governmental Committees, including:
 - i. a Public Accounts Committee
 - ii a Legislation Committee
 - iii a House Committee
 - iv one or more Scrutiny Committees.
- e. The encouragement of States Departments to issue consultation papers and 'green papers' in advance of the submission of major policy items;
- f. Changes to the Civil Service;
- g. The Establishment of a Pay Review Board to consider and report on the remuneration of States Members and those Members of Departments who are not States Members; and
- h The design and equipping of a States Chamber, and supporting facilities.

4. To direct the States Procedures and Constitution Committee to report to the States and submit appropriate proposals, unless Resolution 2A(b) applies, for:

- a. The methods of nomination and election of the Chief Minister;
- b. The methods of nomination and election of Ministers;

- c. The constitutions of Departments;
- d. The methods of nomination and election of Members of Departments;
- e. Voting in the States of Deliberation, to include provision for simultaneous electronic voting, and in Departments;
- f. The constitution of non-governmental Committees, including a Legislation Committee, one or more Scrutiny Committees, and a House Committee, and the method of appointment of Members thereto;
- g. Electoral Districts, and the number of People's Deputies to be elected in each district;
- h. Arrangements for the election of Parish Representatives;
- i. Provisions for an electoral roll inclusion in which shall not necessarily be dependent on making an application in that regard, the administration and promotion of elections including provision that postal ballots shall be available to all electors and not just those who are disabled or absent from the island, the establishment of an Electoral Commission, and election rules;
- j. The title to be used by the Presiding Officer of the States of Deliberation, and the incumbent's voting powers;
- k. The introduction of legislation establishing the principle of Absolute Privilege for proceedings in the States.

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