

STATES OF DELIBERATION

8th July, 2014

Billet d'État No. XIV

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy M M Lowe

Seconded by: Deputy D B Jones

States Review Committee

The Organisation of States' Affairs – First Report

To replace Propositions 4 and 5 as follows:

“4. To agree that in order to provide clear leadership in external relations and constitutional affairs, there shall be a committee, designated the External Relations and Constitutional Affairs Committee, with the following main functions:

- a) to lead the development of external relations and constitutional affairs policy;
- b) to co-ordinate the conduct of external relations and constitutional affairs;
- c) to facilitate cross-committee external relations and constitutional affairs activity;

which Committee shall comprise five States' Members, none of whom shall be members of the Policy & Resources Committee or the Scrutiny Management Committee, but any of whom may be members of other Committees.

5. To agree that most of the policy-making, regulatory and public service functions of the States shall be delegated to no more than 10 Principal Committees, one of which will be the External Relations and Constitutional Affairs Committee, but when considering the precise allocation of such functions between the other Principal Committees there shall be a general presumption in favour of rationalization of committees where practicable.”

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Proposed by: Deputy D J Duquemin

Seconded by: Deputy L S Trott

States Review Committee

The Organisation of States' Affairs, First Report

To delete proposition 4 and to substitute the following:

- “4. To agree that the Policy & Resources Committee shall have responsibility for external relations and constitutional affairs.
- 4A. To direct the States Review Committee to investigate and report back to the States early in 2015 with detailed recommendations to ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that the States' Members who sit on the Policy & Resources Committee, the States' senior committee, have the requisite individual and collective skills and experience to provide clear leadership across the Committee's mandate; such investigation and Report to include, but not be limited to, the merits of the four ordinary members of the Committee each being designated as the States' lead member for one of the committee's main functions along the following lines:
- a) Policy co-ordination and planning;
 - b) Financial resources (including the States' budget);
 - c) Internal organisation and cross-committee relations (including human resources);
 - d) External relations and constitutional affairs.”

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Proposed by: Deputy Robert A Jones

Seconded by: Deputy Heidi JR Soulsby

To delete proposition 8 and substitute therefor:

- “8. To agree that the States shall elect to the Scrutiny Management Committee a combination of States' Members and Members independent of the States whose background and expertise are particularly well suited to scrutiny, the number of which will be determined in Stage 2 of the Review with reference to the need to fulfil the full range of scrutiny functions in a way which is both democratic and efficient.”

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AMENDMENT A

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Proposed by: Deputy Heidi J R Soulsby

Seconded by: Deputy Robert A Jones

To add the following to the end of proposition 9b:

“but also to acknowledge that some tasks which are currently undertaken by the Public Accounts Committee require continuous scrutiny and will need to be organised and co-ordinated by the Scrutiny Management Committee on that basis and the most appropriate structure for fulfilling such functions will be determined in Stage 2 of the Review;”

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AMENDMENT B

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Proposed by: Deputy Heidi J R Soulsby

Seconded by: Deputy Robert A Jones

To insert a new proposition between Propositions 9 and 10 as follows:

- “9A. To note that the effectiveness of the States’ scrutiny function depends in part on the powers, resources and impartiality of the scrutiny committees and panels, and to direct that, prior to implementation of the improved committee system in 2016, the States’ Review Committee shall propose to the States ways of strengthening the powers, resources and impartiality of the scrutiny committees and panels.”