

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

11th December, 2024

Proposition No. P.2024/107

STATES' ASSEMBLY & CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Review of the Rules of Procedure

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy J Gollop

Seconded by: Deputy C Le Tissier

To insert the following additional propositions immediately after Proposition 7:-

"8. To agree that, with effect from 1st February, 2025, Rule 29(3) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees shall be amended by inserting at the end of Rule 29(3) the following:

"Any material change arising in the interests or other matters recorded, or required to be recorded, in a Declaration of Interests shall be declared to, and notice of the change lodged with, the States Greffier within 30 days of the occurrence of the change.

9. To agree that, with effect from 1st February, 2025, the interests to be declared in Parts 1 to 11 of the Declaration of Interests set out in Schedule 2 to the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees shall include interests within or outside the Bailiwick of Guernsey, and to direct the States' Assembly & Constitution Committee to arrange for:-

- (a) the wording of the Declaration to be amended accordingly, and
- (b) the amended Declaration to be included in Schedule 2 in place of the current form of Declaration."

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The proposition contributes to the States' objectives by seeking to improve the procedures and operations of the States of Deliberation.
- b) In preparing the proposition, the States' Assembly & Constitution Committee has not been consulted due to the late submission.
- c) The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) There are no financial implications to the States of Guernsey in carrying the proposal into effect.

Explanatory Note

One thing the public would like to see is the States being more transparent. This amendment seeks to add transparency to Deputies obligation to declare their interests in a more timely manner. Annual declarations when matters moved at a slower pace may have been acceptable in the past but those days are long gone. The need to submit Declaration of Interests within one month strikes a balance, to provide the public with the transparency it needs against making the task for Deputies too onerous.