

**THE STATES OF DELIBERATION**  
**of the**  
**ISLAND OF GUERNSEY**

11<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

**Proposition No. P.2024/106**

**States' Assembly & Constitution Committee**

**Dates of States' Meetings September 2025 to August 2029**

**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy H L de Sausmarez

Seconded by: Deputy A C Dudley-Owen

To insert an additional proposition as follows:

“To delete Rule 1(2) of the Rules of Procedure, and replace with:

“(2) The first day of a Meeting shall be a Wednesday. The Meetings held to consider the annual Budget of the States and the policy letter of the Committee *for* Employment & Social Security on the uprating of non-contributory benefits shall begin on the first Wednesday in November, and the Government Work Plan and States' Accounts which shall be considered at the same dedicated Meeting in June except in general election years when they will be considered at a later date in that year.”.”

and to insert before “.” in Proposition 1 the following:

“subject to substituting:

- i. In 2025 “16<sup>th</sup> July” for “15<sup>th</sup> July (Monday)”;
- ii. In 2026 “24<sup>th</sup> June” for “23<sup>rd</sup> June (Tuesday)”;
- iii. In 2026 “4<sup>th</sup> November” for “3<sup>rd</sup> November (Tuesday)”;
- iv. In 2027 “23<sup>rd</sup> June” for “22<sup>nd</sup> June (Tuesday)”;
- v. In 2027 “3<sup>rd</sup> November” for “2<sup>nd</sup> November (Tuesday)”;
- vi. In 2028 “28<sup>th</sup> June” for “27<sup>th</sup> June (Tuesday)”;
- vii. In 2028 “7<sup>th</sup> November” for “8<sup>th</sup> November (Tuesday)”;
- viii. In 2029 “11<sup>th</sup> July” for “10<sup>th</sup> July (Tuesday)”

and to insert before “.” in Proposition 2 the following:

“subject to substituting:

- i. In 2025 “16<sup>th</sup> July” for “15<sup>th</sup> July (Monday)”;
- ii. In 2026 “24<sup>th</sup> June” for “23<sup>rd</sup> June (Tuesday)”;
- iii. In 2026 “4<sup>th</sup> November” for “3<sup>rd</sup> November (Tuesday)”;
- iv. In 2027 “23<sup>rd</sup> June” for “22<sup>nd</sup> June (Tuesday)”;
- v. In 2027 “3<sup>rd</sup> November” for “2<sup>nd</sup> November (Tuesday)”;
- vi. In 2028 “28<sup>th</sup> June” for “27<sup>th</sup> June (Tuesday)”;
- vii. In 2028 “7<sup>th</sup> November” for “8<sup>th</sup> November (Tuesday)”;
- viii. In 2029 “11<sup>th</sup> July” for “10<sup>th</sup> July (Tuesday)”.

#### **Rule 4(1) Information**

- a) The proposition(s) contribute(s) to the States’ objectives by seeking to improve the procedures and operations of the States of Deliberation.
- b) In preparing the proposition(s), consultation has been undertaken with the States’ Assembly & Constitution Committee.
- 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 carrying the proposal into effect.

#### **Explanatory note**

This standardises the approach to States meetings so that the default is that they begin on a Wednesday and finish on a Friday, except in instances where there is a special States meeting that is immediately followed in the same week by an ordinary meeting.

Under the current proposals, as per the current arrangements, special States meetings begin on a Tuesday. Under the Rules of Procedure, they can last for up to three days, but in most circumstances, they are immediately followed in the Schedule by an ordinary meeting that begins on the Wednesday of the same week – which again can last for up to three days, effectively extending the days of debate available to four days.

However, on rare occasions, there are special meetings that are not followed by ordinary meetings. These begin on a Tuesday but are only scheduled to last until Thursday. There is no reason to begin on a Tuesday if it is not extending the time available for debate. This amendment therefore proposes to begin such special meetings that are not followed by an ordinary meeting beginning in the same week on a Wednesday instead, thereby reducing disruption to ordinary committee schedules and other work.