

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 A Dudley-Owen

Seconded by: Deputy L Queripel

To insert an additional Proposition as follows:

“To replace Rule 6(2) of the Rules of Procedure as follows:

- “(2) Unless the business of a meeting is previously concluded ordinarily the Meeting shall on each day thereof:
- (a) be adjourned by the Presiding Officer as near as may be to 11.00;
 - (b) resume at 11.15;
 - (c) be adjourned by the Presiding Officer as near as may be to 12.45;
 - (d) resume at 14.15;
 - (e) be adjourned by the Presiding Officer as near as may be to 15.45;
 - (f) resume at 16.00
 - (g) be adjourned by the Presiding Officer, in accordance with paragraph (3) or (4), as near as may be to 17.30;

Provided that:

the Presiding Officer may propose at any time that the Meeting continues outside those times or is adjourned to another day.”.

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The proposition does contribute 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 been consulted.
- 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

This amendment replaces Rule 6(2) so as to include a 15 minute comfort break during the morning and afternoon sessions of each day, with this time made up from the 2 hour lunch recess, thereby reducing the recess by 30 minutes.

For the purposes of occupational health and potential benefits to time management, the amendment seeks to ensure that the comfort breaks are in line with modern working requirements and perhaps may have a consequential effect such that members make optimal use of their time in delivering their speeches so to stay within the debate timings.

Ad hoc break times due to the lack of scheduled breaks result in missed votes and listening/contribution time in the States.

Some members have health conditions which require them to move more frequently and it is also accepted that sitting for long periods of time has a detrimental affect on overall health and is not encouraged in the workplace.