

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

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

**Proposition No. P.2024/107**

**STATES' ASSEMBLY & CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE**

**Review of the Rules of Procedure**

**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy P Roffey  
Seconded by: Deputy A Brouard

To insert an additional proposition:

“To insert at the end of rule 17.12 the following: “Any interjection made under this rule shall be no longer than two minutes in duration.”.”.

**Rule 4(1) Information**

- a) The amendment neither supports nor detracts from the States strategic objectives.
- b) All States members were consulted before the amendment was drafted
- 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 are.

### Explanatory note

In other parliaments, such as Westminster, give way rules exist to allow short, pithy, interjections to speeches and not to allow supplementary speeches. That was what was intended in Guernsey too when the rule was introduced. In reality the result has been mixed. Sometimes the rule is used exactly as intended but on other occasions quite lengthy speeches are delivered under the guise of a give way intervention. The proposer and seconder have no wish to prevent the sort of interchanges which the give way rule was designed to facilitate but feel that a two minute limit on interventions would prevent the worse abuses of the rule.