

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

11th December, 2024

Proposition No. P.2024/95

The Government Reform (2024) Requête

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy N Inder

Seconded by: Deputy C Parkinson

To insert the following at the end of Proposition 2:

“OR SHOULD PROPOSITION 1 NOT CARRY:

3. To agree that:
 - (a) the number of People’s Deputies specified for the purpose of the constitution of the States of Deliberation shall be reduced from thirty-eight to thirty-three, and
 - (b) the reduction shall be implemented in time for the general election to be held on 18th June 2025.
4. To agree that the number of Alderney Representatives specified for the purpose of the constitution of the States of Deliberation shall be proportionate to the population of Alderney relative to Guernsey, and to direct the Policy & Resources Committee to enter into negotiations with the Policy & Finance Committee of the States of Alderney for the purposes of giving effect to this and to revert to the States by 14th March 2025.
5. To agree that the States’ Assembly & Constitution Committee shall be constituted by a President and two members who shall be members of the States and to amend Appendix A to the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees accordingly.
6. To agree that the post of President of Overseas Aid & Development Commission shall be held ex-officio by a member of the Policy & Resources Committee, the allocation of such duties to one its members to be decided Policy & Resources Committee and to amend Appendix A to the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees accordingly.
7. To rename the offices of the Presidents of the Scrutiny Management Committee, the

States' Assembly & Constitution Committee, and Overseas Aid & Development Commission from "President" to "Chair" and to amend the Rules of Procedure as may be necessary.

8. To delete "President of the States' Assembly & Constitution Committee" from Section I 2. of the Rules for Payment to States Members of the Rules for Payments to States Members, Non-States Members and Former States Members.
9. To delete "President of the Scrutiny Management Committee" from Section I 2. of the Rules for Payment to States Members of the Rules for Payments to States Members, Non-States Members and Former States Members.
10. To agree that these changes are to come into effect on 1st July 2025."

Rule 4(1) information

- (a) The propositions contribute to the States' objectives and policy plans reducing the size of the States an allowing for more effective decision making.
- (b) In preparing the proposition, consultation has not been conducted with the Island of Alderney nor the Presidents of the Overseas Aid & Development Commission, Scrutiny Management Committee nor States' Assembly & Constitution Committee.
- (c) The propositions have been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- (d) The proposals will result in a reduction in costs to the states of five Members salaries (£194,065 per annum) and reduce to Presidents' salaries to the ordinary states members' rate (£27,248 per annum).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This amendment seeks to reduce the number of Members of the States of Deliberation by five. It will also direct the Policy & Resources Committee to enter into negotiations with the States of Alderney with the intension of ensuring the number of Alderney Representatives is proportionate to the population of Alderney relative to Guernsey.

There is an aggregate of 56 positions for Members on States Committees, this amendment would reduce this number by 3 to accommodate some of the loss in total membership of the States of Deliberation.

Furthermore, the amendment seeks to reduce the membership of the States' Assembly & Constitution Committee to align with the other parliamentary committee of Scrutiny Management. It would also rename the presidencies of these committees to "Chair" to reflect the difference in the role of the parliamentary committees to the principal committees.

The position of President of the Overseas Aid and Development Commission could be subsumed by the Policy & Resources Committee lead for External Relations, which would align with recent move taken by the UK Government to combine the Department for International Development and the Department for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.