

**Response to a Question Pursuant to Rule 14
of the Rules of Procedures of the States of Deliberation and their Committees**

Subject: Deputy and Committee involvement in ‘operational matters’

States Member: Deputy Lester Queripel

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Questions

1. We often hear it said within the States, that Deputies shouldn’t get involved in the ‘operational matters’ of States departments, i.e. procedures and processes. So with that in mind, are you able to tell me your committees’ approach to that issue please?
2. Do members of your committee get involved in the ‘operational matters’ of your department?
3. Do you/would you, and your committee object, whenever/if ever, Deputies do/did try to get involved in the ‘operational matters’ of your committee?

Answers to Questions 1 to 3

1. The Committee *for* Economic Development has a broad mandate that includes setting strategies for the promotion and development of all sectors of business, including construction, creative industries, digital, financial services, horticulture, intellectual property, manufacturing, media, retail and tourism.

In addition, the Committee *for* Economic Development has responsibility for political oversight of several operational business units or statutory bodies, including the Guernsey Registry, the Office of the Public Trustee, the Office of the Financial Services Ombudsman, the Office of the Director of Civil Aviation and the Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority. The Committee meets regularly with representatives from these bodies and provides political oversight of their activities. Some Committee Members are members of associated oversight boards or working groups, undertaking the strategic role of ensuring that strategy is aligned to delivery.

2. There are occasions where Committee Members are involved in operational matters that relate to the Committee's mandate. For example, two members of the Committee sit on the Board of Guernsey Finance, one Member sits on the Tourism Management Board and other members are involved in Governance Boards, working parties or policy reviews or projects that relate to the areas of the mandate where the Committee has responsibilities for political oversight of operational areas.
3. See answer to Questions 1 and 2 above.