



States of Alderney

President's Office

**Addendum to Billet D'Etat for 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Item VII Proposed Amendment to Rules of Procedure – States Members**

Please note that there was a formatting error in the proposition for this item. The proposition on the Billet should be replaced by the following. The only changes are that "(1)" immediately following Rule 17 has been removed from paragraph one and items (8) and (9) have been reformatted into bold and italic as these two items are additions to Rule 17:-

**"The States of Alderney is asked to resolve in exercise of their powers to prescribe rules of procedure applicable to meetings of the States under section 45(1) of the Government of Alderney Law, 2004, that the following amendments are made to the States of Alderney Rules of Procedure, as amended (additional words, shown in bold italics, are added to Rule 17):-**

17 (1) At any States meeting a Member may put a question concerning States' business to the Chairman of any States Committee ***or to one or more of the Alderney Representatives in the Guernsey States of Deliberation*** for a verbal reply provided that he has given notice thereof in writing, at least seven days prior to the date of the meeting, to the President and to the Chairman of the Committee ***or Alderney Representative*** to whom the question is to be put.

(2) No discussion shall arise out of a question put under this Rule.

(3) Where a question has been put to a Chairman of a Committee ***or to an Alderney Representative*** under this Rule, the President may allow a supplementary question to be put by any member if it arises from the reply to the original question; but the Chairman of the Committee concerned ***or Alderney Representative*** may decline to answer if, in his opinion any answer given by him might be inaccurate or misleading

(4) A member may at least fourteen days prior to the meeting, place a question on any subject in accordance with this Rule for Written Reply by addressing the same to the Chairman of the States Committee concerned ***or to one or more of the Alderney Representatives in the Guernsey States of Deliberation*** and by furnishing a copy thereof to the President.

(5) Where a question is placed in accordance with paragraph (4) of this Rule, the Chairman of the States Committee concerned **or Alderney Representative** shall, subject to paragraph 7 of this Rule, furnish a written reply thereto by addressing the same to the Member who placed the question and he shall furnish a copy of the reply to the President, who shall cause a copy of the question and of the reply thereto to be printed in the Deliberations of the meeting at which the question was put.

(6) The placing of a question in accordance with paragraph (4) of this Rule or the receipt of a reply thereto shall not preclude the Member who placed the question or any other member from addressing a question on the same subject at any meeting in accordance with paragraph (1) of this Rule.

(7) The President may, on the grounds of public interest, rule that a Question placed in accordance with this Rule shall not be answered by the Chairman of the States Committee concerned **or Alderney Representative** or that the Question need not be answered by him.

(8) ***An Alderney Representative may decline to answer a question, whether verbal, written or supplementary, put to him under this Rule if, in his opinion, he is precluded from so doing by any provision of a code of conduct to which he is subject by virtue of section 20F of the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948 or by any other duty attaching to his position as an Alderney Representative, including (for the avoidance of doubt) his membership of any Committee of the States of Deliberation of the Island of Guernsey.***

(9) ***In this Rule, "Alderney Representative" means a member elected in accordance with section 3(a) or (b) of the States of Guernsey (Representation of Alderney) Law, 1978 as a representative or alternative representative of Alderney in the States of Deliberation of the Island of Guernsey."***

1<sup>st</sup> June 2018