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Dear Howard

PETITIONS AGAINST ISLAND LAWS: NEW ORDER IN COUNCIL

Thank you very much for your assistance with drafting an Order in Council dealing with timing of petitions against Island Laws. I can confirm that the Order was approved by the Privy Council at the July session and I attach a copy for your reference.

It is important that this Order is given as wide a circulation as possible, in order that the general public are aware of the changed procedures and the time limits that now apply. With this in mind both the Ministry of Justice and Privy Council intend to publish the Order on our websites. We would also ask that you undertake a similar process by publishing the Order promptly and prominently on relevant websites in all the legislative jurisdictions; Guernsey, Alderney and Sark.

We are proposing to use the following wording, which you may also wish to use to maintain consistency:

"On the 13th July 2011 an Order in Council ("2011 Order") was made by Her Majesty in Council. A copy of that Order is annexed. In particular it provides that The Committee of Council for the Affairs of Jersey and Guernsey will not ordinarily postpone its consideration of an Act or Law if a petition against it is received later than 28 days after the final approval of the Act or Law by the appropriate legislature in Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney or Sark. In the case of Laws or Acts passed by those legislatures prior to the amending Order but not yet submitted to the Privy Council for consideration the Committee will not ordinarily postpone its consideration of any such Act or Law unless any such petition is received within 56 days of the date of the 2011 Order.."

It would be most helpful if you could inform me when this action has been carried out. To facilitate the process I am copying this letter to, Mike Brown, Roy Burke and Charles Maitland.

Yours sincerely

Rose Ashley