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3.8 Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade of the Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee regarding the anticipated enactment date of the Draft Elections (Senators) (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.56/2025) (OQ.182/2025):

Will the chair state the anticipated enactment date of the Draft Elections (Senators) (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.56/2025) and provide his estimates of any potential delays to that enactment should the Assembly approve any amendments to the law?

Deputy S.M. Ahier (Chair, Privileges and Procedures Committee):

Subject to the approval of the legislation at this sitting, P.P.C. expects the draft law to be sent to Privy Council with a view to the matter being considered before Christmas, and the various Articles will come into force on the dates listed under Article 65 of the law. It is worth noting that P.P.C. has no influence over the schedule for Privy Council's timing or agenda. Although P.P.C. has expressed some concern about the impact of Deputy Tadier's fourth amendments on the course and administration of future elections, it does not consider that this should have any impact on the enactment or commencements of the law if adopted. P.P.C. was mindful that the decision of this Assembly to reinstate Senators was made close to the start of the election year and it therefore built contingency into the timetable when it settled on the earliest commencement date as February 2026. There is a reasonable gap between 1st February and the proposed start of the nomination process in relation to Deputy Tadier's amendment.

3.8.1 Deputy M.R. Scott:

In his speech on accepting his chairmanship, the chair indicated a concern that amendments could delay the amendment law, so I just wondered if he could explain how he formed this view.

Deputy S.M. Ahier:

As I have just explained, the only delays that we can see that could possibly have affected it was Deputy Tadier's fourth amendment. There are no other concerns that we can voice.