



SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF KEYS ON THE CONSTITUTION (LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL) BILL

At the sitting of the House of Keys on 1st April 2003 the Constitution (Legislative Council) Bill introduced by Mr Edgar Quine MHK (Ayre) was given a Second Reading and the Long Title was amended following which the Bill was referred to a Committee of five Members to take evidence in public and to report to the House before the Clauses Stage no later than April 2004.

The five Members elected to the Select Committee were Mrs B J Cannell MHK, Mrs H Hannan MHK, Hon J Rimington MHK, Hon S C Rodan MHK and the Hon J A Brown SHK.

The purpose of the Bill is to provide for the election of the Legislative Council by the electorate instead of by the House of Keys, and to prescribe for the Legislative Council the specific function of scrutinising proposed legislation of all kinds.

The Select Committee invites written submissions by members of the public to reach the undersigned no later than 30th June 2003 on the manner in which the Legislative Council should be elected and by whom, whether the House of Keys and the Legislative Council should be elected at the same time and from the same constituencies, whether in that event Members should choose among themselves which Branch they would belong to following such a combined election, and any other matter which is considered to relate to these issues.

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