



Press Release

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.

I give notice that there will be a public hearing of evidence by the Select Committee of the House of Keys on the Constitution (Legislative Council) Bill as follows -

Wednesday, 26th November 2003

at 10.30 am Mr R E Quine MHK

at 11.30 am Mr J D Q Cannan MHK

The hearings will be held in the Millennium Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Government Offices, Douglas, and members of the public are welcome to attend.

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