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Junior Ministers (Section 3.2.2)

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Term Limits (Section 3.2.6)

Proposals were submitted to the Constitutional Review Commission for the introduction of term limits (more so for staggered term limits) for the position of Premier.

The Commission recommends that the issue of whether to adopt term limits be put to a referendum.

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Direct Election of Premier & Revision of At-large System (Section 3.2.11)

The Constitutional Review Commission recommended that the Premier and Deputy Premier be chosen from the At-Large Members, with the Governor appointing them based on majority support, rather than by direct election.

While many favoured direct elections, the Commission found it costly and inconsistent with the Westminster model.

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Fixed House of Assembly Schedule (Section 3.2.12)

The Constitutional Review Commission received recommendations from the public that a fixed schedule be introduced for sittings of the HOA.

The Commission therefore recommends that in the interest of parliamentary democracy, transparency, good governance and accountability, efforts should be made (through the Standing Orders) to improve the scheduling of Government business by publishing an annual calendar when the HOA can be expected to meet.

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Transfer of Reserved Powers to Devolved Government of the Virgin Islands (Section 3.5)

The Constitutional Review Commission recommended including a mechanism in the Constitution to allow reserved powers to be devolved to the Virgin Islands in the future without requiring constitutional change.

Where the United Kingdom proposes an Act or Order in Council affecting the Virgin Islands, it is recommended that the matter be brought to Cabinet for input before implementation.

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The Constitutional Review Commission recommends that the position should be abolished, but if not, there should be no increase in the number of Junior Ministers.

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