

STATES OF JERSEY



RENT CONTROL TRIBUNAL: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

**Lodged au Greffe on 23rd June 2008
by the Minister for Housing**

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

in pursuance of paragraph (1) of Article 3 of the Dwelling Houses (Rent Control) (Jersey) Law 1946, as amended, to appoint the following persons to act as Chairman and Members of the Rent Control Tribunal for a period ending on 12th April 2009, namely –

Mr. Eric Henry Le Ruez - Chairman

Mr. Edward George Trevor MBE

Mr. Jeremy James Robin Johnson

Mrs. Mary Margaret Gaiger.

MINISTER FOR HOUSING

REPORT

Article 3 of the Dwelling Houses (Rent Control) (Jersey) Law 1946, as amended, provides for the States to appoint a Rent Control Tribunal consisting of a Chairman and not less than 3, nor more than 4 other Members. The Law also provides that the Chairman and 2 other Members constitute a quorum for any sitting of the Tribunal.

Regulation 2 of the Dwelling Houses (Rent Control) (Jersey) Regulations 1946 states that the Chairman and Members of the Tribunal shall hold office for a period of 12 months ending on the 12th April each year, and be eligible for re-appointment.

In July 2006 the States approved 2 new Members, Mr. Jeremy Johnson and Mr. David Crespel to join existing Tribunal Members, Mr. Ronald Welling and Mrs. Mary Gaiger. The appointment of the 2 new Members at that time followed a public advertisement and interview process. All 4 Members agreed to allow their names to be put forward for nomination for a further term which ended 12th April 2008.

Unfortunately, the Chairman, Mr. Ron Welling, who has served on the Tribunal for a number of years, has now decided to stand down from his position to concentrate on enjoying his retirement and several other business interests. In addition, Mr. David Crespel has also decided to retire for personal reasons. The remaining 2 Members, however, have agreed to allow their names to be put forward for nomination for a further 12 month term.

Following a further public advertisement and interview process, the Minister has pleasure in nominating Mr. Eric Le Ruez and Mr. Edward Trevor MBE to serve as additional Members of the Tribunal.

Mr. Le Ruez, former Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Department and Director of the Property Holdings Department before his retirement in September 2007, has vast experience in property matters, knowledge of legal procedures and the background to be able to determine in a just manner the issues coming before the Tribunal.

Mr. Trevor MBE is a qualified Chartered Surveyor and chaired local government Committees in the U.K. at local, regional and national level over a 40 year period covering a comprehensive range of issues including Health, Housing and Planning. He was a civil servant for the last 19 years of his working life involved with the management of a large number of properties for government departments. Amongst a significant number of other voluntary bodies, he is founder and Chairman of Shopmobility, St. Helier, a Rates Assessor for St. Helier and Chairman of the Association of Jersey Rates Assessors.

The Minister accordingly has the pleasure in nominating the persons named below for a period ending 12th April 2009.

Mr. Eric Henry Le Ruez – Chairman
Mr. Edward George Trevor MBE
Mr. Jeremy James Robin Johnson
Mrs. Mary Margaret Gaiger

There are no additional financial or manpower implications to the States arising from this proposition.