

STATES OF JERSEY



JERSEY POLICE COMPLAINTS AUTHORITY: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

Lodged au Greffe on 11th September 2012
by the Minister for Home Affairs

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

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

in accordance with Article 2 of, and the Schedule to, the Police (Complaints and Discipline) (Jersey) Law 1999 –

- (a) to appoint Mrs. Deborah Prosser as Chairman of the Jersey Police Complaints Authority for a period of 3 years, effective from 1st January 2013; and
- (b) to re-appoint the following members of the Jersey Police Complaints Authority for a further period of 3 years, effective from 1st January 2013 –

Mr. Bruce Ridley

Advocate Jane Martin.

MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS

REPORT

The 3 year tenure of office of Mr. Tom Slattery as Chairman of the Jersey Police Complaints Authority will come to an end on 31st December 2012. Mr. Slattery does not wish to stand for a further term and will retire at the end of his period of office. The Jersey Appointments Commission has approved the appointment of the current Deputy Chairman, Mrs. Deborah Prosser, as Chairman, without advertisement, due to the need to maintain continuity. Mrs. Prosser has been a member of the Jersey Police Complaints Authority since January 2008.

The appointment would be effective from 1st January 2013 for a period of 3 years.

The Jersey Appointments Commission agreed to the appointment of Mrs. Prosser directly to the Chairman's role as 4 other members' terms of office also expire on 31st December 2012, and only 2 members wish to be considered for a further 3 year term. It was thought necessary to maintain some continuity, and the 2 remaining members did not wish to be considered for the role of Chairman, but fully support the appointment of Mrs. Prosser to this role. There is now a requirement to recruit 3 new members to the Authority from 1st January 2013. A recruitment campaign will commence in autumn 2012. Mr. Ridley and Advocate Martin have been members of the Police Complaints Authority since January 2010. The Jersey Appointments Commission have not been involved in their re-appointment, as they have only served one term of office so can be re-appointed without competition.

The Minister recommends that Mrs. Deborah Prosser be appointed to serve as Chairman of the Jersey Police Complaints Authority for a period of 3 years –

Mrs. Deborah Prosser

Mrs. Deborah Jane Prosser (née Nance, formerly Lang) was born in England and completed her education in Jersey, where she has lived for the last 35 years. As a Jersey Advocate, she was Managing Partner of the Jersey Law firm Bailhache Labesse for a number of years, as well as being Managing Director of Bailhache Labesse Trustees Ltd.

Mrs. Prosser is a Commissioner of the Jersey Financial Services Commission and a member of the Youth Court Panel. She holds a number of non-executive directorships. Mrs. Prosser was a member of the Education Audit Committee, latterly its Chairman, and for 3 years was a member of the Audit Commission. She was the founder Chair of the Jersey Childcare Trust, a Governor of Haute Vallée School and a member of the Tourism Development Committee. In her spare time Mrs. Prosser enjoys various hobbies and travelling.

The Minister recommends that the following persons be appointed to serve on the Jersey Police Complaints Authority for a further period of 3 years –

Mr. Bruce Laurence Ridley

Mr. Ridley is an IT consultant, having formerly been a Director with one of the largest information technology companies in the Island, and previously held posts as Deputy Managing Director of another large IT company and as Operations and Information Services Manager for the States of Jersey. He has also been a Committee Member for

PADA (Parents Against Drug Abuse) and Treasurer for Jersey Cancer Bacup. His leisure activities include golf, cycling and shooting.

Advocate Jane Martin

Advocate Martin qualified as a Jersey Advocate in 1995 and pursued a legal career until her retirement in December 2008, by which time she was the Managing Partner in a local legal firm. She is currently Chief Executive of the Law Society of Jersey, a position she has held since September 2010. She completed her Law Degree at Exeter University. In addition, Advocate Martin has been on the Board of Examiners for the Jersey professional law exams, a Panel Judge for Jersey Enterprise Awards, and is an invited Governor on the Board of Governors, Jersey College for Girls/JCG Preparatory School. Advocate Martin's hobbies include reading and keeping fit.

Financial and manpower implications

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