

STATES OF JERSEY



RENT CONTROL TRIBUNAL: NOMINATION OF CHAIR AND MEMBERS

Lodged au Greffe on 1st November 2022
by the Minister for Housing and Communities
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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 Chair and Members of the Rent Control Tribunal for a period ending on 12th April 2023, namely –

Simon Burgess - Chairman
Ian Gray - Member
Guy Aubin Morris - Member
Neil Andrew Buesnel - Member
Rose Colley - Member

MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND 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 three, nor more than four, other Members. The Law also provides that the Chairman and two 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 twelve months ending on the 12th of April each year and be eligible for re-appointment.

The Tribunal has not been appointed since 2009 and is being re-appointed as an important policy commitment of the [Fair Rents Plan](#). After a competitive recruitment process, overseen by the Jersey Appointments Commission, a Chairman and Three Members were identified as the preferred candidates to serve on Tribunal. The Chairman and Members have agreed to allow their names to be put forward for nomination.

The Minister accordingly has pleasure in nominating the persons named below for a period ending 12th April 2023.

Mr Simon Burgess - Chairman

An independent strategic advisor, independent director, and property professional with over 30 years' experience. Previously as a partner in a City of London firm of Chartered Surveyors and latterly, as managing director of global financial services businesses specialising in real estate and private equity funds. Professionally qualified as a Chartered Surveyor (MRICS), Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb) and holding a real estate Degree in Valuation and Estate Development (BSc, Distinction). Also, a Chartered Director (CDir) and Fellow of the Institute of Directors (FIOD), holding a Diploma in Company Direction (DipIOD). Independent Chair of the Jersey Homelessness Strategic board and member of the Jersey Strategic Housing Partnership Board.

Mr Ian Gray - Member

The Finance Director of Seymour's Ltd where part of the role involves dealing with a wide range of general property matters as well as landlord and tenant issues. A Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. Is a Non-Executive Director of Visit Jersey and the Chair of its Audit Committee. Also serves on the Board of the Jersey Hospitality Association.

Mr Guy Morris - Member

Qualified as an English Solicitor in 2004 and admitted as a Jersey Advocate in 2017, but no longer practising. Worked for 16 years as a corporate, fund and banking lawyer (with expertise in real estate structures) in the Jersey office of a leading international law firm. A professional landlord since 2016 and recently elected the Chairman of the Jersey Landlords' Association after having served as an ordinary committee member since 2019.

Mr Neil Buesnel - Member

A recently retired senior private banker who worked for the leading global brand, UBS AG for 34 years, advising high net worth individuals and families on the full range of asset classes including real estate. A Chartered Associate of the London Institute of Banking and Finance and a member of the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments. Has over 30 years' experience of managing private rental properties in Jersey.

Rose Colley - Member

Qualified as an English Solicitor in 1988 and admitted as a Jersey Advocate in 2000. Currently in private practise (Head of family law) and President of the Jersey Law Society. Served in several prominent public roles, including Chair of the Jersey Consumer Council. During her academic career tutored for the Institute of Housing Management. As a Councillor for the London Borough of Southwark, served as member of its Housing Committee and was a Board trustee for two London Housing Associations.

Financial and manpower implications

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