

# **STATES OF JERSEY**



## **STATISTICS USER GROUP: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

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**Lodged au Greffe on 12th September 2006  
by the Chief Minister**

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**STATES GREFFE**

## **PROPOSITION**

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

to refer to their Act dated 17th November 1999, in which they approved the establishment of a Statistics User Group, and to approve Mr. Charles Christopher Gooding Clarke as Chairman of the Statistics User Group for a period of 3 years commencing on 15th October 2006.

CHIEF MINISTER

# REPORT

## Introduction

- 1.1 The States is asked to approve the appointment of Mr. Charles Christopher Gooding Clarke as Chairman of the Statistics User Group for a period of 3 years commencing on 15th October 2006.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 The Statistics User Group (S.U.G.) was established by the States in 1999 as an independent body to review and comment upon official statistics in Jersey (P.142/99). The Chairman of the Group for the first 3 years was Professor Tim Holt, and he was succeeded by Mr. John Boothman, who resigned from the post in August 2005.
- 2.2 An advertisement for a successor was placed in the Jersey Evening Post towards the end of last year but no responses were received. It was accordingly decided to re-advertise the post in March 2006, but again this advertisement did not attract any applications. Mr. Clarke was therefore contacted as an individual who was considered as being suitable for the post of chairman, and I am very pleased that he has agreed to allow his name to go forward.
- 2.3 The Appointments Commission was consulted during the process of advertising for a chairman and it has no objection to the appointment of Mr. Clarke.
- 2.4 Subject to approval by the States, Mr. Clarke would take over as chairman of a now well-established User Group. The Group has 10 members who represent a wide range of organisations within the Island including the Société Jersiaise, the Chamber of Commerce, the Jersey Consumer Council, and Concern. None of the members, including the chairman, receive any remuneration for their services.
- 2.5 I believe that Mr. Clarke would be eminently suited to the position of Chairman. Mr. Clarke is chartered accountant who has recently retired from his position as Chairman of KPMG Channel Islands. Having joined KPMG London as a graduate trainee in 1977, Mr. Clarke worked his way up through the ranks and was appointed as a principal and then as a partner in the firm, becoming the Managing Partner of the Jersey Office in 1997. Mr. Clarke was also Chairman of the Jersey Branch of the Institute of Directors from 2002 to 2004, having previously served as Vice-Chairman.

## 3. Financial and manpower implications

- 3.1 This proposition does not have any financial or manpower implications for the States.