

THE STATES assembled on Friday 9th September 2022, at 3.00 p.m. under the Presidency of the Bailiff, Sir Timothy John Le Cocq.

All members were present at roll call with the exception of –

Connétable Robert David Johnson of St. Mary – en défaut

Deputy Carolyn Fiona Labey of Grouville and St. Martin – excused attendance

Deputy Mary Rose Le Hegarat of St. Helier North – excused attendance

Deputy Robert James Ward of St. Helier Central – ill

Deputy Carina Soares Alves of St. Helier Central – excused attendance

Deputy Lyndon John Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter – excused attendance

Deputy Margaret Elaine Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity – excused attendance

Deputy Thomas John Albert Binet of St. Saviour – absent on States business

Deputy Karen Margaret Wilson of St. Clement – excused attendance

Prayers

Standing Order 55A – remote participation

THE STATES, with reference to their Act dated 14th September 2021, in which they had agreed that, notwithstanding Standing Order 55A(1), members who did not wish to attend in the States Chamber might continue to take part in States meetings using Microsoft Teams (until the States had considered and voted upon a proposition to re-apply Standing Order 55A(1) or to repeal or vary the terms of the Standing Order), assembled in accordance with Standing Order 55A with members able to participate remotely using Microsoft Teams. No members participated remotely in the meeting.

Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – tributes

THE STATES assembled to pay tribute to Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, following her death on 8th September 2022, and observed a minute's silence in her memory.

The Bailiff paid tribute to Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, in the following terms –

"Members have gathered this afternoon at the earliest opportunity to pay tribute to the memory of Her Majesty the Queen, a remarkable lady, who has been our Queen since 1952 and who has over that time earned the respect of millions.

As I speak, there are probably many thousands gathering in similar circumstances elsewhere throughout the Commonwealth to reflect on the life of our late sovereign and to come to terms with her passing. There is no doubt in my mind that the people of this Island hold a very deep and loyal affection for the late Queen, our Duke, and their regard and respect for her of the very highest order. She has been a constant and central presence in the life of the people of the British Isles generally. Her life has been a life of duty and I know that there are a great number in our community who would wish to honour her memory as a measure of our collective loyalty to the Crown and in recognition of her service. Her life brought many blessings to us all and she will be remembered with the greatest of warmth.

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It is right and proper, along with other communities throughout the Commonwealth, that in Jersey the States Assembly should convene to honour our late sovereign. As a Crown Dependency, Jersey has every reason to be thankful for the life of our late Queen and to celebrate her many achievements, personal leadership and charisma that has had such a positive impact on the people of the Commonwealth during the post-war era. She was and is an example to us all. Compassionate when needed. Resilient when under pressure. Gracious and, above all, deeply interested in the lives of her people in all the corners of the Commonwealth, fortified in all of her service by her deep faith.

She was a modern Queen and pioneered a new generation of the royal family. On the demise of her father, King George VI, she had to step in at a young age to take his place when she heard of his death while visiting Kenya in 1952 in an official capacity. Later that year she was crowned Elizabeth II, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and her other realms and territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith. As the longest reigning monarch in the history of the British Isles, the Queen understood better than many the requirement of duty and service to her people and Jersey was blessed indeed to receive her here on no fewer than 6 occasions during her reign. Without exception on every one of those occasions she was warmly received into the heart of our community, indeed into the hearts of individual Islanders where she was admired and revered for her interest in all things Jersey. Indeed, as our Queen, Notre Duc, her life was both long and productive and, by example to all of us in this Chamber who aspire to serve the community, she was an exemplary leader who inspired many.

Our thoughts are today with all the members of the royal family at this time of deep sorrow and of profound loss. The Island has sent the following message to His Majesty King Charles III:

'Your Majesty, the Bailiff, the States and the people of Jersey have received with deep sorrow and sadness the news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and wish to convey to your Majesty and members of the royal family their deepest sympathy of the loss of our beloved Queen. Many Islanders recall with great affection Her Majesty's visits to Jersey in 1949, 1957, 1978, 1989, 2001, and her most recent in 2005, when she attended the Island's 60th anniversary liberation celebrations and unveiled the liberation sculpture on Jersey's waterfront. The people of Jersey will all cherish very happy memories of her visits which have spanned across many generations of our community, which has been touched by the warmth of her interest in Island life. Islanders join all other Commonwealth subjects in mourning the passing of a much-loved sovereign, whose life has been an example to us all, and rejoice in the many blessings and moments of joy her life brought to so many across her realm. We hope that your Majesty will be comforted by the knowledge of the affection in which Her Majesty the Queen was held in this bailiwick."

The Chief Minister paid tribute to Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee paid tribute to Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

A period of time was allocated for all members to pay tribute to Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The following members spoke during this period –

The Connétable of St. Brelade

Deputy Samuel Yves Mézec of St. Helier South

Deputy Raluca Stefana Kovacs of St. Saviour

Deputy Helen Mary Miles of St. Brelade

Deputy Louise Mary Catherine Doublet of St. Saviour

Deputy Kirsten Francis Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity

The Dean

Deputy Inna Gardiner of St. Helier North

Deputy Jonathan Renouf of St. Brelade

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Deputy Lucy Kate Frances Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter

Deputy Stephen George Luce of Grouville and St. Martin

The Connétable of St. Lawrence

Deputy David James Warr of St. Helier South

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Deputy Andrea Howell of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity

Deputy Hilary Louise Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity

Deputy Sir Philip Martin Bailhache of St. Clement

Deputy Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf of St. Saviour

Deputy Ian Joseph Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter

The Connétable of St. Saviour

The Connétable of Trinity

Arrangement of public business for future meetings

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 88(4)(b), that the meeting scheduled to commence on 13th September 2022 would be deferred to 20th September 2022.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 35 CONTRE: 2 ABSTAIN: 3

Deputy G..P. Southern

Deputy C.D. Curtis

Connétable of St. Helier

Connétable of St. Brelade

Connétable of Trinity

Connétable of St. Peter

Connétable of St. Martin

Connétable of St. John

Connétable of St. Clement

Connétable of Grouville

Connétable of St. Ouen

Connétable of St. Saviour

Deputy S.G. Luce

Deputy L.M.C. Doublet

Deputy K.F. Morel

Deputy S.M. Ahier

Deputy I. Gardiner

Deputy I.J. Gorst

Deputy K.L. Moore

Deputy S.Y. Mézec

Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf

Deputy P.M. Bailhache

Deputy T.A. Coles

Deputy B.B.S.V.M. Porée

Deputy D.J. Warr

Deputy H.M. Miles

Deputy M.R. Scott

Deputy J. Renouf

Deputy L.V. Feltham

Deputy R.E. Binet

Deputy H.L. Jeune

Deputy A. Howell

Deputy M.R. Ferey

Deputy R.S. Kovacs

Connétable of St. Lawrence

Deputy M. Tadier Deputy A.F. Curtis STATES MINUTES 9th September 2022

Deputy B. Ward Deputy L.K.F Stephenson Deputy M.B. Andrews

THE STATES rose at 4.31 p.m.

L.-M. HART

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