

# STATES OF JERSEY ORDER PAPER

Thursday 11th December 2008

## F. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS

- (i) Selection of Ministers.
- (ii) Appointment of the Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee.
- (iii) Appointment of the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee.
- (iv) Appointment of the Chairmen of the Scrutiny Panels in the following order -
  - (a) Corporate Services
  - (b) Economic Affairs
  - (c) Education and Home Affairs
  - (d) Environment
  - (e) Health, Social Security and Housing
- (v) Appointment of Chairman of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission.

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**Greffier of the States**

8th December 2008

**Note –**

**Members should be advised that the meeting on 11th December will continue, if necessary, on 12th December 2008.**

## **Selection of Ministers**

The Chief Minister designate will deliver a declaration to the Greffier by 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday 10th December 2008, outlining his or her intended Ministerial nominations, the posts to which each nominee is to be assigned and the order in which he or she wishes the States to vote on the nominations. The Greffier will immediately circulate this declaration to all members via electronic mail and will also ensure that the list is uploaded onto the States Assembly website.

At the meeting on 11th December 2008, the Presiding Officer will invite the Chief Minister designate to make each of the nominations in turn. Following a nomination the Presiding Officer will invite members to nominate alternative candidates for appointment to the ministerial office concerned. If there are no alternative nominations the member nominated by the Chief Minister designate will be selected for appointment.

If more than one member is nominated, the Presiding Officer will invite each candidate to speak for up to 10 minutes followed by a 20 minute question period. The candidates will speak in the order in which they are nominated meaning that the Chief Minister designate's nomination will always speak first. During the speeches and question period other candidates must withdraw from the Chamber to a place where they cannot hear the proceedings.

After the candidates have spoken and been questioned a ballot or ballots will be held and once a candidate has obtained a majority of votes cast in a ballot he or she will be appointed to the relevant ministerial office.

If during the selection process the States select a candidate who is not the Chief Minister designate's nominee, the Chief Minister designate will be able, if he wishes, to amend the list of nominees for the remaining ministerial offices and, in doing so, he may also amend the order in which he wishes the remaining nominations to be made. The States must nevertheless be informed at every stage of the full list of remaining nominations being made by the Chief Minister designate.

In accordance with Article 19(7) of the States of Jersey Law 2005, once the last Minister has been selected, the Chief Minister designate and the persons selected are appointed to office.

## **Adjournment following selection of Ministers**

After the selection of Ministers under Standing Order 117 is complete, the Presiding Officer will, in accordance with Standing Order 117A, invite the members of the States to decide whether to adjourn immediately and continue either later that same day or at 9.30 a.m. the next working day.

## **Appointment of Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee**

The Presiding Officer will invite nominations for the position of Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee. Ministers and Assistant Ministers are not eligible for appointment to this position. Each nomination must be seconded. If there is more than one nomination each candidate will speak for up to 10 minutes with a 20 minute question period. The candidates will speak and be questioned in the order in which they have been nominated. Other candidates must withdraw from the Chamber during the speeches and question period.

Following the speeches and question periods a ballot or ballots will be held until one candidate receives an overall majority of votes cast.

## **Appointment of Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee**

The procedure to be followed is identical to the procedure described above for the Privileges and Procedures Committee.

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### **Appointment of Chairman of the 5 Scrutiny Panels**

The appointments will be made in the order set out on the Order Paper for the 5 Scrutiny Panels. The procedure for each is identical to the procedure set out above for the Privileges and Procedures Committee.

### **Appointment of Chairman of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission**

The Presiding Officer will invite nominations, which must be seconded, and then the appointment is made by a ballot or ballots until one candidate receives an overall majority of votes cast. There is no provision in Standing Orders for candidates to make speeches or answer questions. Election as the Chairman is open to **all** members.

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