# COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY: PROCEDURES FOR RECRUITMENT OF HONORARY POLICE OFFICERS - APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

Lodged au Greffe on 9th October 2001 by Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour



## STATES OF JERSEY

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## **PROPOSITION**

## THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion -

to refer to their Act dated 3rd July 2001 in which they agreed, in accordance with Article 36B of the States of Jersey Law 1966, as amended, that a Committee of Inquiry should be appointed to investigate fully the circumstances through which Mr. Roger Holland was elected and remained a member of the Honorary Police of St. Helier and the current procedures that are in place for the election of persons as members of the Honorary Police, and -

- (a) to appoint the following persons as members of the Committee of Inquiry -
  - (i) Mr. Richard Povey (President)
  - (ii) Mr. Geoffrey Henry Charles Coppock
  - (iii) Mrs. Marie-Louise Backhurst.
- (b) to agree, in accordance with Article 36B(2) of the States of Jersey Law 1966, as amended -
  - (i) that Mr Geoffrey Henry Charles Coppock shall, if required, preside in the absence of the President; and
  - (ii) that the quorum of the Committee shall be two.

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Notes: 1. The Finance and Economics Committee's comments are to follow.

2. The Human Resources Committee's comments are to follow.

#### REPORT

On 3rd July 2001 the States adopted a proposition in the following terms -

## THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion -

in accordance with Article 36B of the States of Jersey Law 1966, as amended, to approve the appointment of a Committee of Inquiry to investigate fully -

- (a) the circumstances through which Mr. Roger Holland was elected and remained a member of the Honorary Police of St. Helier;
- (b) the current procedures that are in place for the election of persons as members of the Honorary Police;

and to report back to the States with such recommendations as the Committee considers to be appropriate.

I am now asking the States to approve the appointment of the following three persons as members of the Committee of Inquiry -

Mr. R. Povey (President) Mr. G.H.C. Coppock Mrs. M-L Backhurst

I attach a brief C.V. for each of the nominees.

#### Financial and manpower statement

Article 36K of the States of Jersey Law 1966, as amended, provides that the Finance and Economics Committee may direct what expenses may be incurred by a Committee of Inquiry. Although it is difficult to estimate accurately the exact amount that will be required, I believe that a budget of approximately £50,000 should be made available to this Committee of Inquiry to cover expenses and legal fees. Article 36I(5) of the Law enables the Greffier of the States to appoint a secretary to a Committee of Inquiry and it is clear that this Committee will require that executive support to enable it to undertake its work effectively.

#### C.V.s of proposed members

Mr. Richard Povey (proposed as President)

*Date of birth:* 11.5.1943

Education: M.A. Mathematics, Keble College, Oxford

Diploma in Management Studies, Polytechnic of Central London

Previous positions:

1965-1972: Oil Buyer, Shell International

1972-1975: Fund Manager, Morgan Grenfell & Co. Ltd. 1975-1979: General Manager, Oil & Gold, P & O 1987-1996: Various positions, Swire Group, Far East General Manager, Industries Division

General Manager, Industries Division
Managing Director, Swire Engineering
Managing Director, Swire Trading Offshore

1998-Present: Various Board positions

Non-Executive Director, Banner Telecom

Non-Executive Director, Applied Optical Technologies

Non-Executive Director, Govett Asian Smaller Cos. Investment Trust Ltd.

Non-Executive Director - Govett Singapore Growth Fund Ltd.

Non-Executive Director, Europower plc. Chairman, Beta Vietnam Fund Ltd.

Mr. Geoffrey Coppock (proposed as member)

*Date of birth:* 6.2.1940

Education: M.A. Law, Peterhouse College, Cambridge

Called to the Bar (Middle Temple)

Previous positions:

1963: Trainee Law Draftsman, States Greffe

1967: Assistant Law Draftsman
1971: Deputy Law Draftsman
1991: Law Draftsman
1992-2000: Greffier of the States

Membership of Justice

Associate Member of the British and Irish Ombudsman Association

Mrs. Marie-Louise Backhurst (proposed as member) *Education:* B.A. (History), Open University

Co-Founder: C.I. Family History Society - First President

Previous positions:

1995-1998: President, Société Jersiaise

2001-Present President, Amitiés Franco-Brittanique de Jersey

Member, States Committee on States members' pay States Committee on population policy

Committee of Jersey Family Nursing and Home Care Inc.

Centreville Working Group

Co-editor Forthcoming book on St. Brelade in the 20th century.