STATES OF JERSEY ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY 19th JUNE 2026
at 9.30 a.m.

F. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS

Selection of Chief Minister designate.
(attached)

MRS. L.M. HART
Greffier of the States

16th June 2026

SELECTION OF CHIEF MINISTER DESIGNATE

In accordance with the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey, one nomination for the post of Chief Minister was received by the Greffier of the States –

Senator Lyndon John Farnham

The nomination of Senator Farnham was made by the following 8 members –

Senator Alan John Henry MacAuley Maclean
Senator Mary Rose Le Hegarat
Senator Helen Mary Miles
Senator Sir Mark John Boleat
Connétable Richard Anthony Kingston Honeycombe of St. Ouen
Connétable Mark Anthony Labey of Grouville
Deputy Malcolm Ross Ferey of St. Saviour
Deputy Arlene Maltman of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter

The candidate submitted a statement as required by Standing Orders, setting out their vision for a strategic policy and the manner in which they would propose to discharge their responsibilities as Chief Minister. The statement is attached at the Appendix.

Note

Members are reminded that, in accordance with Standing Orders, the Bailiff will ask the Greffier of the States to read out the nomination. The candidate will address the Assembly for up to 10 minutes followed by up to one hour of questions from Members. There having been only one candidate, once the speech and questions are concluded, the Bailiff will declare the candidate to have been selected as Chief Minister designate.

Candidate for the Position of Chief Minister
Statement
Senator-Elect Lyndon Farnham

A Vision for a strategic policy.

Jersey stands at an important moment in its history.

We are a successful Island with strong foundations, talented, hardworking people and many natural advantages. In recent years we have faced significant challenges, including rising living costs, pressure on public services, global economic uncertainty and the need to strengthen our public finances.

Since becoming Chief Minister, my priority has been to provide stability, maintain momentum and focus Government on the issues that matter most to Islanders. Important progress has been made, but there remains much to do.

The next Government must build on that progress with a clear sense of purpose and direction.

My vision is straightforward.

I want Jersey to be a place where people can afford to live well, where housing is within reach of more Islanders, where businesses can invest and grow with confidence, where public services perform to a high standard, and where Government manages public finances responsibly while continuing to invest in the Island's future.

Above all, I want Jersey to be a confident Island that looks forward with optimism and ambition.

Restoring Fiscal Discipline

Strong public finances are the foundation of a successful Island.

Over recent years, Government has faced unavoidable spending pressures while continuing to invest in healthcare, infrastructure and essential public services. The next Assembly must build on that work by placing renewed emphasis on financial discipline and long-term sustainability.

That means focusing spending on priorities, improving productivity, eliminating inefficiency and ensuring taxpayers receive better value for money. We must continue to modernise public services, embrace technology, reduce duplication, scrutinise spending rigorously and ensure that every pound spent delivers a clear public benefit.

Borrowing should be used carefully and responsibly, principally for long-term capital investment that benefits future generations.

I do not believe in austerity. Nor do I believe that Government should continually expand without regard to cost.

I believe in disciplined government, efficient government and accountable government.

Islanders expect Government to demonstrate the same financial responsibility that households and businesses exercise every day. That expectation is entirely reasonable.

Renewing Jersey's Appetite for Growth

Alongside financial discipline, Jersey needs a stronger and more dynamic economy.

Economic growth is not simply about statistics. It is how we create opportunity, improve living standards, generate revenue for public services and strengthen the Island's long-term resilience.

The next Government must continue supporting our established industries while creating the conditions for new investment, innovation and enterprise.

That means maintaining Jersey's competitiveness, reducing unnecessary bureaucracy, improving planning processes where appropriate, embracing innovation, investing in skills and ensuring that Government acts as an enabler of growth rather than a barrier to it.

We must continue to support our internationally successful finance industry while creating opportunities in areas such as digital technology, fintech, the blue economy, sustainable energy and other high-value sectors that complement our existing strengths.

The recent competitiveness review of the financial services sector identified the need to renew Jersey's appetite for growth. I believe that principle should extend across the wider economy.

Jersey should be a place that attracts talent, welcomes investment, rewards enterprise and creates opportunity for Islanders.

Tackling the Cost of Living and Housing

The cost of living remains one of the biggest concerns for many Islanders.

While Jersey cannot control every external pressure that affects prices, Government can play its part by promoting competition, reducing unnecessary costs and charges where possible, improving efficiency in public services and supporting measures that strengthen household finances.

A stronger economy and sound public finances matter because they help create higher living standards, greater financial security and more opportunities for Islanders.

Housing is equally important.

Too many Islanders, particularly younger people and families, feel that home ownership is moving further out of reach. The next Government must continue increasing housing supply, accelerate the delivery of approved developments, support schemes that help Islanders buy their first home and remove unnecessary barriers that slow the construction of new homes.

A successful Island is one where people can build their future with confidence and where the next generation can see a future for themselves in Jersey.

Delivering Better Government

Government has a responsibility not only to make decisions, but to implement them effectively.

My objective is to continue improving the way Government works by strengthening accountability, improving collaboration across departments, embracing digital transformation and maintaining a relentless focus on delivery.

Islanders rightly expect Government to be efficient, responsive and transparent. They expect projects to be delivered well, public money to be spent wisely and decisions to be implemented in a timely manner.

We will continue reducing unnecessary reliance on consultants where in-house expertise can be developed, streamline decision-making, make greater use of technology and ensure that Ministers and departments are held accountable for delivery against clear objectives.

The next Government must drive those improvements while maintaining the stability and consistency that Islanders and businesses value.

Healthcare and Public Services

A modern, sustainable healthcare system remains essential.

The successful delivery of the new hospital will be one of the defining responsibilities of the next Government. We must ensure that it is delivered on time, properly governed and financially controlled.

Alongside this, we will continue to focus on prevention, early intervention and the smarter use of technology to improve patient outcomes and service efficiency.

More broadly, all public services must strive for continuous improvement, innovation and value for money.

Responding to Jersey's Demographic Challenge

The Government will respond directly to the long-term challenge of an ageing population and a declining birth rate. This is not simply a demographic issue, it affects our workforce, public services, housing needs, care system and the long-term sustainability of our economy and community.

Jersey's Place in the World

Jersey's future prosperity depends in part on our ability to compete internationally.

We must continue to build strong relationships with governments, regulators, businesses and international organisations. We must protect and enhance Jersey's reputation while ensuring that the Island's voice is heard and respected abroad.

A confident Jersey should never be inward-looking. We should be outward-facing, ambitious and ready to seize opportunities wherever they arise.

The Manner in Which I would propose to Discharge My Responsibilities as Chief Minister

If elected Chief Minister, I will continue to provide stable, pragmatic and collaborative leadership.

I will lead a Council of Ministers that works collectively, engages constructively with the Assembly, respects scrutiny and remains focused on delivering results.

My priorities will be:
• stronger fiscal discipline;
• a growing and competitive economy;
• action to improve affordability and expand housing opportunities;
• better public services;
• greater efficiency in Government; and
• improved opportunities and quality of life for Islanders.

We have the people, the talent and the resources to succeed. The task before us is not to change course dramatically, but to build on the progress already made and move forward with confidence, discipline and ambition.

Islanders are not looking for grand promises. They are looking for practical solutions, steady leadership and delivery.

That is the approach I will bring as Chief Minister.

Appendix
Curriculum Vitae - Lyndon Farnham

I was first elected as Deputy of St Saviour No. 2 in 1999, before later serving as a Senator, Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture, Deputy Chief Minister, and Chief Minister from January 2024. In 2022, I was elected Deputy of St Mary, St Ouen and St Peter, and have since held senior responsibilities including Chair of the States Employment Board and Chair of the Emergencies Council.

Alongside my public service, I have a long-standing background in business, hospitality and tourism, as well as community and charitable work. I have held senior roles with the Jersey Hospitality Association and the Jersey Battle of Flowers Association, and I currently chair Age Concern Jersey.

Record of Service to the States of Jersey

24 November 1999 – Elected as Deputy of St Saviour No. 2
Sworn in on 9 December 1999. Served as a Member of the Industries Committee, Member of the Etat Civil Committee, Member of the Harbours and Airport Committee, and President of the Gambling Control Committee.

27 November 2002 – Re-elected as Deputy of St Saviour No. 2
Sworn in on 12 December 2002. Served as a Member of the Economic Development Committee and Vice-Chair of the Harbours and Airport Committee. Retired from the States in December 2005.

19 October 2011 – Elected as Senator
Sworn in on 14 November 2011. Served as Assistant Minister for Home Affairs and as a Member of the Bailiff's Consultative Panel.

15 October 2014 – Re-elected as Senator
Sworn in on 3 November 2014. Served as Minister for Economic Development, Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture, Assistant Minister for Education, Member of the Emergencies Council, Member of the Regeneration Steering Group, and Member of the Bailiff's Consultative Panel.

16 May 2018 – Re-elected as Senator
Sworn in on 1 June 2018. Served as Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture, Member of the Emergencies Council, Member of the Regeneration Steering Group, Assistant Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, and Member of the Bailiff's Consultative Panel.

22 June 2022 – Elected as Deputy of St Mary, St Ouen and St Peter
Sworn in on 27 June 2022. Served as Member of the Bailiff's Consultative Panel, Member of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel, and Member of the Privileges and Procedures Committee. Appointed Chief Minister on 30 January 2024, Chair of the States Employment Board on 31 January 2024, and Chair of the Emergencies Council on 31 January 2024.

Other Positions Held
President, Jersey Hospitality Association, 2011 to 2014.
Honorary Life Member, Jersey Battle of Flowers Association.
President, Jersey Battle of Flowers Association, 2000 to 2002.
Chairman, Jersey Battle of Flowers Association, 1997 to 2000.
Committee Member, Jersey Battle of Flowers Association, 1988 to 1997.
Chair, Age Concern Jersey – current.