

STATES OF JERSEY



MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE: REPORT (P.120/2012) – COMMENTS

Presented to the States on 5th February 2013
by the Council of Ministers

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The Council of Ministers notes the perceived gap in the responsibilities of Ministers and Departments highlighted by this report, and therefore supports the suggestion that the Chief Minister should investigate how best to address the Proposition as lodged and amended by Senator L.J. Farnham. The Chief Minister would wish to consider a number of means by which ministerial oversight of the justice system might be addressed. The Council are not at this stage supporting the establishment of a new office of Minister for Justice and associated Department. The Council also supports the need to continue to uphold the necessary impartiality and independence of the judiciary and prosecuting authorities. The Chief Minister, in consultation with the Council of Ministers, is content to report to the States Assembly with recommendations or proposals no later than 31st July 2013.