STATES OF JERSEY



JERSEY OVERSEAS AID COMMISSION: RE-APPOINTMENT OF NON-STATES COMMISSIONER

Lodged au Greffe on 20th December 2011 by Senator P.F. Routier, M.B.E.

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

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

to appoint, in accordance with clause 7.4 of the Constitution of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission as set out in Schedule 1 to the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission (Jersey) Law 2005, Mrs. Toni Roberts as a Non-States Commissioner for a further period of 3 years.

SENATOR P.F. ROUTIER, M.B.E.

REPORT

The Jersey Overseas Aid Commission comprises a Chairman, 2 States members as States Commissioners and 3 people who are not States members as Non-States Commissioners. The Jersey Overseas Aid Commission (Jersey) Law 2005 requires the Chairman, in making nominations, to use his or her best endeavours "to ensure that the Commissioners shall be a diverse and balanced group of people in terms of gender, age, experience and skills, who share a commitment to the promotion of the objects of the Commission".

Non-States Commissioners serve for a period of 3 years and the term of office of one of the 3 current Non-States Commissioners, Mrs. Toni Roberts, expires in January 2012. In order to fill this forthcoming vacancy, an advertisement was placed in the Jersey Evening Post in October 2011 seeking applications for the position.

All those who applied were interviewed by a Panel comprising Mr. Brian Curtis from the Jersey Appointments Commission, the Greffier of the States and myself as Chairman of the Commission. Mrs. Roberts, who has served as a Commissioner for 6 years, was one of those who submitted an application, and at the conclusion of the interview process the selection Panel was unanimous that she was the most suitable candidate for appointment. I am therefore pleased to nominate her for re-appointment for a further 3 year period.

The Non-States Commissioners all serve in an honorary capacity and give many hours of their time freely to assist the work of the Commission and I would like to thank Mrs. Roberts for agreeing to continue to offer her considerable expertise to the Commission for a further term.

A short biography of Mrs. Roberts is attached in the Appendix to this Report.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no financial or manpower implications for the States arising from this proposition.

Mrs. Toni Roberts

Mrs. Roberts is the owner and Managing Director of TR Mediation Management, a business that provides mediation services to professional fiduciaries including trustees, company management service providers and investment managers. She worked previously for J.P. Morgan Trust Company where she was responsible for managing and developing business relating to clients in Asia, Latin-America and Europe requiring fiduciary structures.

Mrs. Roberts is a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners and an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (former chairman of the local branch). Mrs. Roberts was also a member of the International Committee of Rotary and Chairman of the IOD Education and Training Sub-Committee. She is Treasurer of the Jersey Joint Charities Christmas Appeal. Mrs. Roberts has undertaken a number of overseas visits in her professional capacity to deal with charitable settlements, and has taken a very active role in ensuring that charitable donations from trusts have been correctly dealt with.

She was a member of an overseas aid work project to Ecuador in 2001, the leader of the 2004 India work project and a member of the 2010 Uganda work project. She was a member of the working party which reviewed the activities of Overseas Aid work parties in 1999.

Mrs. Roberts was first appointed as a Non-States Commissioner of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission in 2005 and was a member of the Jersey Overseas Aid Funding Review Panel in 2006, which was formed following a Scrutiny review of Jersey's overseas aid.