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By email

13<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Chair,

**Jersey Overseas Aid Commission: Re-appointment of Non-States Commissioner**

Thank you for your letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> March in which you ask a number of questions relating to the Re-appointment of Non-States Commissioner for the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission. I have set out answers to each of your questions below in turn.

1. *Confirmation as to whether an open recruitment of the non-States Commissioner position was advertised, and if this was not undertaken the reasoning behind not doing so?*

As per Article 7.4 in the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission (Jersey) Law 2005, “if the office of a Non-States Commissioner becomes vacant because the term of the office has expired, the States shall, on the recommendation of the Chairman, appoint as a Non-States Commissioner a person who has nominated himself or herself for appointment to office”. As such, the decision was not to publicly advertise the role where a currently serving Commissioner wished to continue to serve and where Commissioners were content for them to do so.

2. *Clarification as to whether a Vice-Chair of the Commission has been agreed, and if so who has been acting in this role?*

The Commission has not yet made this appointment following the retirement of the previous Vice-Chair at the end of 2024. But we intend to do so in the coming weeks to comply with Article 5.6 of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission (Jersey) Law 2005.

3. *Noting that two of the three non-States Commissioners tenures will reach the 9-year point following the completion of their current appointments, what succession planning is anticipated?*

The process will involve a structured approach to identifying and appointing suitable applicants in a timely manner, including an open recruitment process. In accordance with Article 7.3 of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission (Jersey) Law 2005, the vacancy will be openly advertised and published in the Jersey Gazette, stating that the office has become vacant and inviting applications. For the most recent Non-States Commissioner appointment, this vacancy was advertised in the Jersey Gazette. It was also promoted through the Government of Jersey's advertising portal, the Institute of Directors (IoD), the

Jersey Chamber of Commerce (via their website and membership communiqué), as well as on JOA's own website and social media channels. As with other Non-States Commissioner appointments this process was overseen by the Jersey Appointments Commission to ensure compliance with best practise.

4. *Why no specific date is included within P.18/2025, with it only proposing that the re-appoint runs "for a three year period until April 2028", if there is a specific date for the re-appointment to end and if you will look to amend the proposition to include this?*

In previous appointments of Commissioners, no specific end date has been mentioned, and the approach has been to state the term duration rather than a fixed date. In line with this precedent, P.18/2025 proposed that the re-appointment runs "for a three-year period until April 2028" without specifying an exact date. This approach has worked seamlessly in the past, providing both the incoming and outgoing commissioners with flexibility during the handover process, this is essential given the roles are on a voluntary basis and not remunerated. By specifying the month rather than exact dates, we have successfully accommodated variations in States sittings without any issues.

I hope the above information provides clarity to the areas you have raised.

Yours sincerely,



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