

# STATES OF JERSEY



## JERSEY APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

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Lodged au Greffe on 9th August 2012  
by the Chief Minister

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STATES GREFFE

## **PROPOSITION**

**THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –**

in accordance with Article 18(1) of the Employment of States of Jersey Employees (Jersey) Law 2005, which is concerned with the appointment of Commissioners to the Jersey Appointments Commission, to appoint Mr. Brian Curtis, M.B.E. as Chairman for an initial period terminating on 23rd February 2014.

CHIEF MINISTER

## REPORT

Under the Employment of States of Jersey Employees (Jersey) Law 2005, Part 4, the Jersey Appointments Commission is established. The Commission consists of a Chairman and not more than 4 other Commissioners. The purpose of this report is in reference to Article 18(2) of this Law and the Chief Minister's recommendation to the States of Jersey to appoint Mr. Brian Curtis, M.B.E., a current member of the Jersey Appointments Commission, as replacement Chairman initially until February 2014, following the resignation of the former Chairman, Mr. Alan Merry, on 18th June 2012.

### Background

1. The position of Chairman became vacant following the Chief Minister's acceptance of the former Chairman's resignation on 18th June 2012.
2. At the time of the Chair role becoming vacant, the membership of the Jersey Appointments Commission, their periods of office to date and expiry of their current periods, are –

| <i>Name</i>       | <i>Role</i>  | <i>Period of office to date in 2012</i> | <i>Expiry date</i> |
|-------------------|--------------|---|--------------------|
| Mr. Brian Curtis  | Commissioner | 6 years                                 | February 2013      |
| Mr. Kenneth Soar  | Commissioner | 5 years                                 | April 2015         |
| Mr. Julian Rogers | Commissioner | 3 years                                 | April 2013         |
| Mr. James Morris  | Commissioner | 2 years                                 | February 2014      |

3. The Chief Minister required a replacement Chairman. Mr. Curtis is the longest-serving member of the Jersey Appointments Commission and through his experience has demonstrated his suitability to become Chairman. Having sought Mr. Curtis' confirmation that he would wish to perform the role and established that other members of the Commission supported this decision, the Chief Minister requested Mr. Curtis to perform the role of Chairman until the date when the former Chairman would have served his term of office, that is, 23rd February 2014.
4. Mr. Curtis, M.B.E. was selected for the role of Commissioner of the Jersey Appointments Commission following a competitive process in 2005. Mr. Curtis' first term of office commenced in 2006. This appointment and his subsequent second and current term, commencing from 2009, were recommended by former Chief Ministers and approved by the States Assembly.
5. The Chief Minister will select a new Commissioner later in the summer, following advertisement in Jersey and an appropriate interview and selection procedure.
6. In June, the States Employment Board approved the appointment of Mr. Curtis as Chairman.

7. The Chief Minister recommends to the States of Jersey the appointment of Mr. Curtis as Chairman of the Jersey Appointments Commission for an initial period to coincide with the date when the former Chairman would have served his term of office, that is, 23rd February 2014.

#### **Financial and manpower implications**

There are no additional resource implications arising from this proposal, as there is already a budget in place for the costs associated with the running of the Appointments Commission.