WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE STATES EMPLOYMENT BOARD BY DEPUTY J.M. MAÇON OF ST. SAVIOUR ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2020

Question

Given that, in 'Jersey Appointments Commission: Annual Report 2018' (R.23/2019), it was stated that "there has been no solution to the resourcing of [the Commission], despite the matter being raised on a number of occasions during the year and being an outstanding issue from [the Commission's] inception as an independent regulatory body", will the Chair explain what action, if any, has been taken to address this situation; and, if none, will the Chair commit to put forward a bid for the next Government Plan in order to ensure that the situation is addressed?

Answer

The current Government Plan provided for these resources to be made available to the Jersey Appointments Commission in 2020.

The new function will sit within People and Corporate Services and act as joint secretariat to the jersey Appointments Commission (JAC) and States Employment Board given the mutual nature of their work for senior appointments and that the JAC report into the States Employment Board.

The new function is established from the 2^{nd} March 2020 and is fully resourced. A transition from the temporary arrangements that have been in place since 2018 is underway to ensure that we enhance the support to the JAC.

The Group Director of People and Corporate Services also provides support to the JAC when requested and will make resources available for communication, research and additional secretariat support by agreement.

The Chair of the JAC received notification at the start of February 2020 of these arrangements.