

AGRICULTURAL LOANS AND GUARANTEES ADVISORY BOARD: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

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PROPOSITION

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

- (a) to approve the re-appointment of Mr. David John Le Marquand as Chairman of the Agricultural Loans and Guarantees Advisory Board;
 - (b) to approve the re-appointment of Mr. David John Picot as Vice-Chairman of the Agricultural Loans and Guarantees Advisory Board;
 - (c) to approve the re-appointment of Messrs. Walter Labey, Robin Victor Perchard, Lewis Rondel, Michael Touzel and David Vautier as members of the Agricultural Loans and Guarantees Advisory Board;
- for a period of three years, in accordance with Regulation 3(2) of the Agricultural (Loans) (Jersey) Regulations 1974, as amended.

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE

Report

The Agriculture (Loans and Guarantees) (Jersey) Law 1974 and the Agricultural (Loans) (Jersey) Regulations 1974, as amended, provided for the constitution of a Board called the Agricultural Loans and Guarantees Advisory Board, which Board makes recommendations with regard to the making of agricultural loans and payments under the aforementioned law and regulations.

The Regulations provide for the States, on the recommendation of the Agriculture and Fisheries Committee, to appoint a chairman, a vice-chairman and four other persons, all of whom have had experience and shown capacity in commerce or finance, and four other persons who have had experience and shown capacity in the agricultural industry to hold office on the Board for a period of three years and for such persons to be re-appointed. The purpose of the Board is to consider all applications for an agricultural loan and to make recommendations thereon to the Agriculture and Fisheries Committee.

Mr. D.J. Le Marquand has been a member of the Board since 1982 and had been vice-chairman since 1986 and chairman since 1994. Mr. D.J. Picot has been a member of the Board since 1989. Messrs. Labey, Perchard, Rondel, Touzel and Vautier are all presently members of the Board. The Agriculture and Fisheries Committee recommends that Mr. Le Marquand should be re-appointed as Chairman; Mr. Picot should be re-appointed as Vice-Chairman; and the remaining above-mentioned persons should all be re-appointed as members of the Board, presently leaving three appointments unfilled.

The re-appointment of the members, when due in May 1997, was held in abeyance due to the commencement of an audit report on the Agricultural Loans Scheme and subsequent Departmental Service Review. These have now been completed.

The Committee greatly appreciates the contribution by all the members of the Board and the time they give to consider loan applications and to make recommendations thereon. The posts are purely voluntary and members of the Board meet frequently throughout the year to consider applications which involves considerable time both studying applications, site visits and meetings.