
STATES OF JERSEY



RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE STATISTICS USERS GROUP

Presented to the States on 16th April 2024
by the Chief Minister

STATES GREFFE

REPORT

The Statistics Users Group (the “Group”) is established under the Statistics and Census (Jersey) Law, 2018 (the “2018 Law”), as a body which is independent of government, with the primary function of overseeing the quality, relevance and integrity of statistics compiled by or on behalf of a public authority.

The Group does this by taking such expert advice it considers necessary, resources permitting, to consider the range of statistics provided; their relevance and appropriateness; the demands placed upon providers of information; the confidentiality of the information; the methodology by which statistics are compiled and their accuracy and reliability; the independence of the compilation and dissemination process from political or other inappropriate influence; and the form and procedures through which statistical information is disseminated.

The Group requires a breadth of members with a diversity of knowledge to discharge these and its other functions effectively, including a combination of new members bringing fresh ideas and experience, and established members with complementary experience and technical knowledge to provide continuity. The Group operates on an unpaid basis.

On 21 January 2021, the Chief Minister appointed Ms Gailina Liew as Chair of the SUG for a 3-year term. The Chief Minister intends to extend Ms Liew’s appointment for a further 3 years taken to have commenced on 21 January 2024. He is, therefore, providing the States Assembly with two weeks’ notice of his intention to extend the Chair’s term of office, as is required under Article 4(2) of the 2018 Law.

Ms Gailina Liew

Ms Liew has considerable board and public policy experience in a variety of different organisations, including Digital Jersey and the Jersey Data Protection Authority, as well as private sector, regulatory and trustee positions. She has also previously served as Vice-Chair at the Jersey Appointments Commission. Ms Liew moved to the Island in 2015 from Toronto, Canada, having pursued a scientific, legal, and business career. She holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in the fields of science, law, and business administration.

Her professional and academic background, and track record of contributing to our community across many different sectors, have brought a joined-up perspective and have helped to promote the highest standards in corporate governance, enabling the Group to function effectively as a strong team, independent of government, to oversee the quality, relevance and integrity of statistics compiled by or on behalf of a public authority.

Financial and Staffing Implications

The members are unpaid, and there are no resource implications arising from this decision.