## DRAFT AMENDMENT (No. 22) OF THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE STATES OF JERSEY

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#### Report

The amendments to the States of Jersey Law 1966 brought about as a result of the States of Jersey (Amendment No. 7) Law 2000 provide *inter alia* that Committees of Inquiry constituted under the Law may consist of persons who are not members of the States.

Article 36B of the States of Jersey Law 1966 as amended specifies that any person appointed to a Committee of Inquiry shall take an oath before the Bailiff in the form contained in a standing order. This proposition, if adopted, will insert a new Standing Order 44B into the Standing Orders of the States to set out the form of oath.

The Solemn Affirmations (Jersey) Law 1963 allows any person to make an affirmation rather than swearing an oath if they wish to do so for religious or other reasons. The affirmation would be in the following form -

"You do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that you will well and faithfully discharge your duties as a member of the Committee of Inquiry to inquire into [..]"

The proposition has no financial or manpower implications.

## **Explanatory Note**

This Amendment states the oath to be taken by a person appointed to a Committee of Inquiry under Article 36B of the States of Jersey Law 1966 as amended by the States of Jersey (Amendment No. 7) Law 2000.

#### States of Jersey Law 1966

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### STATES OF JERSEY

The day of 2000

**THE STATES,** in pursuance of Articles 27 and 36B(3) of the States of Jersey Law 1966,<sup>[1]</sup> as amended, have made the following amendment of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey<sup>[2]</sup> -

1. After Standing Order 44A there shall be inserted the following Standing Order -

# " 44B. Oath of member of Committee of Inquiry

The oath for a person appointed to a Committee of Inquiry shall be in the following form -

'You swear and promise before God that you will well and faithfully discharge your duties as a member of the Committee of Inquiry to inquire into [ ].".

2. This Amendment may be cited as Amendment (No. 22) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey and shall come into force forthwith.

[2] Nos. 4858, 8218 and 8727.

<sup>[1]</sup> Recueil des Lois, Volume 1966-1967, pages 15 and 18 and Volume 2000, page 20.