

STATES OF JERSEY



INCOME SUPPORT MEDICAL APPEAL TRIBUNAL: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

Lodged au Greffe on 27th January 2011
by the Minister for Social Security

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

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

in pursuance of Article 15 of the Income Support (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order 2008, further to a process overseen by the Jersey Appointments Commission, to appoint the following persons as Panel members of the Income Support Medical Appeal Tribunal for a period of 5 years with effect from 1st March 2011 –

Mr. Samuel Le Breton
Mr. John Moulin.

MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY

REPORT

Background

A number of positions had become vacant on 3 Tribunals that are the responsibility of the Minister for Social Security – the Income Support Medical Appeal Tribunal, the Social Security Tribunal and the Employment Tribunal.

The legislation setting up each of these tribunals requires that members are appointed by the States on the recommendation of the Minister for Social Security, following consultation with the Appointments Commission.

Following a period of open recruitment and structured interviews, in which the Appointments Commission representative chaired the Interview Panel, the Minister for Social Security is satisfied that the individuals proposed for the respective positions have the required knowledge or experience.

It is proposed that each of the members is offered an initial term of 5 years, to begin from 1st March 2011.

Further details of the proposed new members are provided at the Appendix.

Income Support Medical Appeal Tribunal

The Income Support (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order 2008 provides for the composition of the Income Support Medical Appeal Tribunal and the terms of appointment of its members. Members may hold office for 2 terms, each not exceeding 5 years.

The Medical Appeal Tribunal hears appeals on the award of the Impairment Component under the Income Support system. Should the legally qualified Chair decide to convene a Tribunal, the Chair is joined by one member from a Panel of Medical Practitioners and one member selected from a Panel of up to 5 members who have experience of disability.

The recent recruitment was undertaken to fill positions that were vacant due to retirement, for members with experience in dealing with the needs of disabled persons in a professional or voluntary capacity, or because they are themselves disabled.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no financial or manpower implications for the States arising from this proposition.

APPENDIX

John Moulin was Chief Ambulance Officer for 17 years. He retired in 2009 after a total of 29 years' service, which has included dealing directly with a wide range of clients with medical conditions, including age-related disability and mental health issues. As a result of changes to the Jersey Mental Health law, Mr. Moulin directed the revision of policies and procedures to ensure that the ambulance service meets the needs of clients.

Mr. Moulin was President of the Jersey Civil Service Association for 6 years.

Samuel Le Breton was Head of the Police Support Unit when he retired from the Police service in 1997. He has wide-ranging experience of social issues and has dealt with diversity in his 35 years' service, including being a representative for the Police Force on Committees including Victim Support and the Misuse of Drugs Strategy Group. Mr. Le Breton has experience of disability within his family.

After retirement from the Police Force, Mr. Le Breton took on the role of a Director of the Jersey Mutual Insurance Society and is the Society's immediate past President. Mr. Le Breton has been a member of the Employment Tribunal since 2005.