

STATES OF JERSEY



JERSEY POLICE COMPLAINTS AUTHORITY: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

**Lodged au Greffe on 12th November 2009
by the Minister for Home Affairs**

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

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

in accordance with Article 2 of, and the Schedule to, the Police (Complaints and Discipline) (Jersey) Law 1999 –

to appoint the following as members of the Jersey Police Complaints Authority for a period of 3 years, effective from 1st January 2010 –

Mr. Bruce Lawrence Ridley
Advocate Jane Martin.

MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS

REPORT

The Jersey Police Complaints Authority is the independent body which was established in order to deal with police complaints matters. Their role is to oversee investigations and make recommendations as to whether or not a matter should proceed to a disciplinary hearing. They do not conduct disciplinary hearings because Police disciplinary hearings are conducted within the Police Force itself.

The 3 year tenure of office of Mrs. Toni Roberts, one of the members of the Jersey Police Complaints Authority, is due to come to an end on 31st December 2009. Mrs. Roberts does not wish to be re-appointed for a further term. Mr. Thomas Slattery, the current Deputy Chairman of the Authority, has been appointed to the post of Chairman, with effect from 1st January 2010. It is therefore necessary to fill the 2 posts which will become vacant at the end of this year.

The positions were advertised in the Jersey Evening Post, and following an interview by a Panel comprising the Chief Officer of the Home Affairs Department, the Chairman (designate) of the Jersey Police Complaints Authority, a Human Resources Manager for Home Affairs, and a representative of the Jersey Appointments Commission, the positions were offered to Mr. Bruce Ridley and Advocate Jane Martin. Their appointment would be effective from 1st January 2010 for a period of 3 years.

The Minister recommends that the following persons be appointed to serve on the Jersey Police Complaints Authority for a period of 3 years –

Mr. Bruce Lawrence Ridley

Mr. Ridley is currently a Director with one of the largest information technology companies in the Island. He has previously held posts as the Deputy Managing Director of another large IT company; and as the Operations and Information Services Manager for the States of Jersey. He has also been a Committee member of PADA (Parents Against Drug Abuse) and Treasurer for Jersey Cancer Bacup.

Advocate Jane Martin

Advocate Martin has been a Jersey Advocate for over 20 years, and until 2008 was the Managing Partner in a local law firm. She completed her Law Degree at Exeter University, and has worked in some of the largest legal firms in the Island. Advocate Martin has been on the Board of Examiners for the Jersey professional law exams, a panel judge for the Jersey Enterprise Awards; and is also a member of the Board of Governors of the Jersey College for Girls/JCG Preparatory School.

Financial and manpower implications

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