

# STATES OF JERSEY



## DATA PROTECTION TRIBUNAL: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

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by the Policy and Resources Committee

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STATES GREFFE

## **PROPOSITION**

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

in accordance with Part II of the Second Schedule to the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 1987 to appoint the following as members of the Data Protection Tribunal for a period of three years –

Advocate Peter Charles Harris, Chairman  
Dr. Rodney Allan Challinor  
Mr. Cyril Philip Le Bail  
Mr. Francis Du Heaume Le Gresley  
Mrs. Norah Alice Antonia Roberts

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

## REPORT

Under the terms of the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 1987, the States is empowered to appoint a chairman and four other members from whom a Data Protection Tribunal will be constituted. The purpose of the Tribunal is to provide a right of appeal for those who are aggrieved at decisions made by the Data Protection Registrar. As a consequence, members of the Tribunal must be seen to be independent of the Registrar.

It is a requirement of the legislation that the chairman shall be an advocate or solicitor of not less than seven years' standing and that the chairman and members will hold office for three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment. The Tribunal was constituted for the first time three years ago and the following appointments were approved by the States –

Advocate Peter Harris, Chairman  
Dr. Rodney Challinor  
Mr. Cyril Le Bail  
Mr. Francis Le Gresley  
Mrs. Toni Roberts.

The original intention in selecting members was that there would be a balance between those who might be seen to be representing industry and commerce and those acting on behalf of the citizen.

All of the existing members have signified that they would be willing to serve a further term of three years.

Details of those who are recommended for office are as follows –

**Advocate Peter Harris:** Advocate Harris was born in Jersey in June 1957 and was educated locally at Victoria College before obtaining a B.A. Hons in Law at Kingston Polytechnic. He became a Member of the Middle Temple, Member of the Society for Computers and Law and Chairman of the Law Society Information Technology Sub-Committee. He returned to Jersey in 1986 and was employed by Mourant, de Feu and Jeune and was called to the Jersey Bar in March 1990. Advocate Harris became a partner specialising in IT and Internet Law at Crills in September 1996. He is married with two sons.

**Dr. Rodney Challinor:** Dr. Challinor was born in Cairo, Egypt in August 1941. He was educated locally at Victoria College before obtaining a B.Sc. (Special) Hon 1 in Physics and a Ph.D. in Upper Atmosphere Physics at Kings College London. He worked in Australia for three years as a Senior Research Scientist, a short time in London and then one year in Canada as an Associate Professor. In 1970 he founded Channel Data Processing, now the Sigma Group, and became Managing Director. Mr. Challinor retired in 1995 but remains a director, consultant and main shareholder. He is married with three daughters and was Chairman of the Board of Governors at Jersey College for Girls for the period 1994 - 1998. He also has an active interest in the Jersey Music Club, Jersey Eisteddfod, Jersey Arts Centre and St. Helier Yacht Club.

**Mr. Cyril Le Bail:** Mr. Le Bail was born in St. Ouen in 1934 and educated in Jersey. He has a wide variety of work experience, including delivery-salesman, gardener, docker, labourer, coach driver and six years in the Royal Navy. After this he entered teaching as a career and gained an external honours degree in English from London University. Mr. Le Bail taught at Hautlieu for 30 years, holding posts of Head of Sixth Form and Head of General Studies. He is a past President of the Jersey Teachers' Association and former member and ex-Chairman of the environmental pressure group 'Concern'.

**Mr. Francis Le Gresley:** Mr. Le Gresley was born in Jersey on 9th June 1951 and educated at St. Lawrence Primary School and Victoria College. He started a career in banking during 1968 and qualified as an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers in 1977. Since then he has held various managerial positions before leaving the industry in 1990. Mr. Le Gresley became manager of the Citizens Advice Bureau in 1992.

**Mrs. Toni Roberts:** Mrs. Roberts was born and educated in Birmingham, England. For thirteen years she

worked for Crill, Cubitt Sowden and Tomes as Probate Manager, and for the last sixteen years has worked for Chase Bank and Trust Company (C.I.) Limited as a General Manager and now has international sales and product development roles. She is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries and Administrators and has an MBA from the University of Leicester. Mrs. Roberts is married with two children and was formerly Chairman of the Jersey Branch of Chartered Institute of Secretaries and Administrators, Secretary of the Jersey Spina Bifida Association and is a committee member of the Institute of Directors. Interests include snow-skiing and gourmet food.

The Policy and Resources Committee has no hesitation in recommending the re-appointment of the chairman and the members of the Data Protection Tribunal for a further period of three years.

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