COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY: ELIZABETH MARINA, ST. HELIER

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PROPOSITION

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

- (1) in accordance with Article 30 of the States of Jersey Law 1966, to approve the appointment of a Committee of Inquiry to investigate fully all the circumstances whereby the cost of constructing the yacht marina to the west of the Albert Pier, St. Helier, has exceeded the vote of credit granted for the project and to report back to the States with such recommendations (if any) as the Committee considers to be appropriate;
- (2) to appoint the following as President and members of the Committee of Inquiry -

Senator Pierre François Horsfall, President Mrs. Iris Medora Le Feuvre, Connétable of St. Lawrence Deputy Derek Ryder Maltwood of St. Mary Deputy Evelyn Mabel Pullin of St. Saviour Deputy Jeremy Laurence Dorey of St. Helier.

FINANCE AND ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

Report

The Finance and Economics Committee is sure that States members will share its sense of disbelief and outrage at the news that the West of Albert Marina project has run so seriously over budget.

The measures recently announced by the Committee to ensure that, in future, capital projects are delivered on time and within budget will be effective for new projects. In the meantime, we believe it is vital that the States are able to identify what went so badly wrong in this instance, who is responsible and what lessons can be learnt for the future.

We believe, therefore, that a Committee of Inquiry should be established to commence its work with immediate effect.

Our recommended members for the Committee of Inquiry, for whom we seek States' approval, are as follows -

Senator Pierre Horsfall, President, Constable Iris Le Feuvre Deputy Derek Maltwood Deputy Jerry Dorey Deputy Evelyn Pullin

It may well be that the Committee of Inquiry will require some financial resource to enable it to receive high-level professional advice. In that event, the Finance and Economics Committee would be prepared to consider favourably a request from the Committee of Inquiry that such necessary resources should be funded from the general reserve.