

**ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS (REVIEW) (JERSEY) LAW
1982, AS AMENDED:
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS PANEL - MEMBERSHIP**

**Lodged au Greffe on 8th February 2000
by the Special Committee to consider the relationship between
Committees and the States**



STATES OF JERSEY

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

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

in accordance with Article 5 of the Administrative Decisions (Review) (Jersey) Law 1982, as amended, to approve the appointment of the Administrative Appeals Panel, from whom Members of Boards of Appeal are chosen, for the period ending 31st March 2003, namely -

Chairman

Mr. Reginald Robert Jeune, C.B.E.

Deputy Chairmen

Advocate Geoffrey Le Vesconte Fiott
Mrs. Carol Elizabeth Canavan

Members

Mr. William John Morvan
Mr. Patrick Edward Freeley
Miss Christine Vibert
Mr. David James Watkins
Mrs. Lorna Jean King, M.B.E.
Mr. John Geoffrey Davies
Mr. Peter George Farley
Mr. Thomas Siouville Perchard
Mrs. Mary Le Gresley

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN COMMITTEES AND THE STATES**

REPORT

The Administrative Decisions (Review) (Jersey) Law 1982, as amended, provides that any person aggrieved by any decision made, or any act done or omitted, relating to any matter of administration by any Committee or Department of the States or any person acting on behalf of any such Committee or Department, may apply to the Greffier of the States to have the matter reviewed by a Board. From January 2000 any applicant who is aggrieved by a decision of an authority under the Code of Practice on Public Access to Official Information, may also apply for the complaint to be reviewed under the Law.

During the past three years the Greffier received over 65 complaints, of which a number were settled by the Committee concerned, some were not accepted, 15 were reviewed by a Board, and a number are awaiting a Board. The delay in convening outstanding Boards has been caused by the general elections in the autumn of 1999 and the fact that the initial term of members of the Panel expired on 31st December 1999.

Articles 5 and 6 of the Law state that -

“ARTICLE 5

(1) Boards shall be constituted from an Administrative Appeals Panel (hereinafter referred to as “the Panel”) of persons appointed by the States in the manner hereinafter provided -

(2) The States may from time to time by Act -

(a) from among persons suitably qualified by profession or experience appoint a Chairman and two suitably qualified Deputy Chairmen of the Panel; and

(b) appoint a sufficient number of persons to constitute the Panel;

to hold office during such period and on such terms and conditions as the States may so direct, and any person so appointed shall be eligible for re-appointment on the expiry of his term of office.

ARTICLE 6

The Board shall be composed of three persons selected from the Panel, one of whom shall be the Chairman or one of the Deputy Chairmen.”.

Nomination for Chairman and two Deputy ChairmenChairman

The Special Committee has no hesitation in once again nominating Mr. Reginald Robert Jeune, C.B.E., a Jersey Solicitor for over 50 years, as Chairman of the Panel. Mr. Jeune, as a member of the States, set up the Special Committee which, in turn, led to the enactment of the legislation. No other person has the same depth of knowledge and experience of the Law and the Special Committee is in no doubt that Mr. Jeune was invaluable in his capacity as Chairman of the lay Panel during its first three years when he chaired 13 Boards of Administrative Appeal.

Deputy Chairmen

The Special Committee, bearing in mind that the two Deputy Chairmen should be “suitably qualified”, has pleasure in nominating -

Advocate Geoffrey Le Vesconte Fiott. Advocate Fiott during his first term as Deputy Chairman, served on two Boards of Administrative Appeal. He is a senior Advocate of the Royal Court and has his own legal practice Geoffrey Fiott & Co. The Special Committee believes that with his legal background, Advocate Fiott is of considerable assistance to the Panel and in hearings of Boards of Appeal.

Mrs. Carol Elizabeth Canavan, a Jersey Solicitor, is a partner in the legal firm of Crill Canavan. Mrs. Canavan was employed in the Judicial Greffe from 1976 - 1984, initially as a Legal Trainee and ultimately as Assistant Greffier, before moving to Crills, where she remained until 1992. During her first term as a member of the Panel, Mrs. Canavan served on four Boards of Administrative Appeal and the Special Committee has no hesitation in nominating her as a Deputy Chairman.

Nominations for members of the Panel

Mr. William John Morvan. Mr. Morvan was a member of the States from December 1969 to June 1984, first as a Deputy of St. Helier, then as Senator, and finally as Connétable of St. Lawrence. During his period as a States member Mr. Morvan served as a member of Boards of Administrative Appeal, and during the last three years has served on three Boards of Appeal.

Mr. Patrick Edward Freeley. Mr. Freeley retired after 44 years in the employment of the Parish of St. Helier - from Clerk to Deputy Greffier, including the Welfare Department, and ultimately as Greffier. During his first three years as a member of the Panel he served on two Boards of Appeal.

Miss Christine Vibert. As a self-employed Consultant, Miss Vibert assists organisations with planning relocation and refurbishment, as well as giving advice on designing and improving records management systems. Miss Vibert is also active in encouraging the promotion of cycling in the Island and is secretary of the Jersey Cycling Club. During her first three years as a Panel member, Miss Vibert served on six Boards of Appeal.

Mr. David James Watkins. Mr. Watkins retired as Island Director of Lloyds Bank, and was a member of the Working Party to consider the relationship between the States and the parishes in the provision of services to the public. During his first three years as a Panel member, Mr. Watkins served on five Boards of Appeal.

Mrs. Lorna Jean King, M.B.E. Mrs. King was appointed as a member of the Panel on 8th September 1998, and has served on one Board of Appeal. Mrs. King, who qualified as SRN, SCM, came to Jersey in 1980 and is a past member of the Advisory Body for Jersey College for Girls, past Vice-Chairman, Hospital League of Friends, past Vice-Chairman Fund Raising Committee for JAYF and a member of the Ethics Advisory Committee for the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust. Mrs. King was one of the initial steering group which founded Jersey Hospice Care in

1981 and has served as Chairman of the Advisory and Management Committee ever since.

Mr. John Geoffrey Davies. Mr. Davies is shortly to retire as Senior Jersey Partner of Deloitte & Touche and as Regional Partner-in-charge United Kingdom Offshore Region. Mr. Davies qualified as a Chartered Accountant in August 1974. He has wide managerial experience. He worked in Industry for 13 years before obtaining his Chartered Accountancy qualifications and moving onto his professional career.

Mr. Peter George Farley. Mr. Farley joined Midland Bank in Jersey in 1962 and remained with Midland Bank until 1989 when he moved to Royal & Sun Alliance Trust (Jersey) Ltd., where he was appointed Manager. He was appointed Managing Director in 1996 and retired in December 1999. Mr. Farley has wide interests and is anxious to give time to community work following his retirement.

Mr. Thomas Siouville Perchard. Mr. Perchard was educated at de la Salle College and is a farmer. He is a former Vice-President of the Jersey Farmers' Union. A Director of Biarritz Ltd., he has a deep understanding of Island life, its institutions and the structure of its administration.

Mrs. Mary Le Gresley. Mrs. Le Gresley obtained a Diploma in Dietetics in Glasgow Caledonian University and was employed as a Dietitian in the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh and the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, before moving in 1968 to the Jersey General Hospital as Senior Dietitian. Mrs. Le Gresley is a Member of Soroptimist International of Jersey.

It is proposed that the appointments will be on an honorary basis.

The Special Committee wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. G.C. Allo, who retired as a member of the Panel following his appointment as Jurat in May 1999, and to Mr. P.R. Daubeney and Mrs. C.M. Rumboll, who have served as Panel members for three years.