

STATES OF JERSEY



JERSEY POLICE COMPLAINTS AUTHORITY: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

Lodged au Greffe on 18th September 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 –

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

Mr. Thomas Slattery;

- (b) to re-appoint the following members of the Jersey Police Complaints Authority for a further period of 3 years, effective from 1st January 2010 –

Mr. Anthony Beaumont;

Mr. Andrew Cornish;

Mr. Stephen Luce.

MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS

REPORT

The 3 year tenure of office of Mr. Leslie May as Chairman of the Police Complaints Authority will come to an end on the 31st December 2009. Mr. May was hugely influential in the setting up of the initial scheme, and has been the Chairman for 3 terms of 3 years. He has now decided to step down at the end of this period of office. The position was advertised in the Jersey Evening Post, and following an interview by a panel comprising the Chief Officer for Home Affairs, a Human Resources Manager for Home Affairs, and a representative of the Jersey Appointments Commission, Mr. T Slattery was found to be an acceptable candidate. Mr. Slattery is currently the Deputy Chairman of the Police Complaints Authority and has served the Authority since 2005.

The appointment would be effective from 1st January 2010 for a period of 3 years.

Four other member's terms of office also expire on the 31st December 2009. Three of the members wish to be considered for a further 3 year term and one member does not wish to be re-appointed. As two of the existing members have been in office for more than two terms, and in accordance with the Appointments Committee Code of Practice must be considered alongside other applicants in open competition, the positions were advertised in the Jersey Evening Post. No applications were received.

The Appointments Commission representative has given approval to an extension of terms of office for the three existing members, without the need to undergo a further interview as it has proved difficult to attract other candidates with the requisite knowledge and experience.

The Minister recommends that the following be reappointed to serve as Chairman of the Jersey Police Complaints Authority for a period of 3 years –

Mr. Thomas Slattery

Thomas Lindsay Slattery C.A., graduated from Edinburgh University and subsequently qualified as a chartered accountant. He has retired as Managing Director of Hill Samuel Jersey and Lloyds TSB Offshore Private Banking Companies. Prior to coming to Jersey in 1989, Mr. Slattery held a number of senior positions with the TSB Banking group in Scotland. Mr. Slattery is presently the Chair of the board of the Jersey Advisory and Conciliation Service. His leisure activities include reading and travelling.

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

Mr. Anthony Beaumont

Mr. Beaumont was employed as a Senior Engineer with the Public Services Department from 1974 to 1998. Following his apprenticeship as a mechanical engineer he served with H.M. Forces with the R.E.M.E. He then worked for various major civil engineering contractors in the U.K. before coming to Jersey to join the Public Services Department. Mr. Beaumont has been a member of the Police Complaints Authority since January 2001.

Mr. Andrew Cornish

Mr. Cornish is Practicing Optometrist and director of an Opticians in St. Helier. He was born in Bedfordshire and educated at the City University, London. He has been a member of the Police Complaints Authority since January 2004.

Mr. Stephen Luce

Mr. Luce was born in Jersey and educated at Victoria College and the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester. From 1996 to 2003 he served on the Youth Panel and was a member of the Review Panel for the dairy industry (1992) and on the Jersey Farmers Union during the 1990s. He has also been a Roads Inspector and on various parish committees in St. Martin, as well as an organist at St. Martin's Parish Church. Mr. Luce has been a member of the Authority since 1st January 2007.

I therefore recommend that the above appointments be made, and would like to formally record my gratitude to Mr. May, upon his retirement as Chairman, for all that he has contributed over the years to the Police Complaints Authority.

Financial and manpower implications

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