## **STATES OF JERSEY**

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### MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: CHIEF MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES

Presented to the States on 23rd July 2007 by the Chief Minister

**STATES GREFFE** 

#### REPORT

In accordance with Article 30 of the States of Jersey Law 2005, the Chief Minister is required to 'establish, maintain and publish a list of Ministers and Assistant Ministers and the functions exercisable by each of them and by the Chief Minister personally.' A list was accordingly published in March 2006 which gave details of the functions exercised by Ministers and Assistant Ministers ('Ministerial Responsibilities: Ministers and Assistant Ministers', R.23/2006).

It has been decided to make some changes to the responsibilities of Assistant Ministers to the Chief Minister and Minister for Treasury and Resources, and these are detailed below for the information of States members and the public.

#### (a) Chief Minister

The Chief Minister has two Assistant Ministers.

#### Connétable Ken Vibert:

Connétable Vibert has 'outward-facing' responsibilities, which were notified to the States in R.23/2006, and which are as follows –

• International Relations – with France

- Sanctions

- Legislation Advisory Panel (Chairman)
- Relations with the Parishes

#### Deputy John Le Fondré:

Deputy Le Fondré will be taking over from Deputy Ian Gorst with effect from 2nd July 2007 as the second Assistant Minister to the Chief Minister, and in this connection he will have 'inward-facing' responsibilities.

These are as follows -

- IT matters
- Customer Services (Contact Centre and Customer Standards across the States)
- Business Planning, Performance Management/Change Programme (across the States)
- Departmental Budget
- Community Relations Trust

#### (b) Minister for Treasury and Resources

With effect from 3rd July 2007 the Minister for Treasury and Resources will have two Assistant Ministers.

#### Deputy John Le Fondré:

Deputy Le Fondré will continue to have responsibility for property matters.

#### Deputy Ian Gorst:

Deputy Gorst will provide a general supporting role across the range of ministerial responsibilities, including the

review of accounting functions, investment matters, internal audit and procurement.

In addition, Deputy Gorst has agreed to continue as a member of the Manual Workers Joint Council and the Civil Service Forum, and to maintain his involvement with Migration Policy and the Population Office.

Both Deputy Le Fondré and Deputy Gorst will 'shadow' certain of the responsibilities of the other in order to provide mutual support and continuity during a transitional period. This will enable each Deputy to complete certain projects which are still presently on-going in the respective Ministries.

As a consequence of the above changes, Deputy Le Fondré will be Assistant Minister to both the Chief Minister and the Minister for Treasury and Resources.

I would like to thank both Deputy Le Fondré and Deputy Gorst for agreeing to take on their new responsibilities, which should result in a more even distribution of workload. I am grateful to both Deputies, together with Connétable Ken Vibert, for the invaluable support they give to me and to the Minister for Treasury and Resources in their capacity as Assistant Ministers.

#### **Future amendments**

The States will be kept informed of any future amendments to the list, and this will be done either as a statement to the Assembly or by the publication of a further 'R'.