

The Presiding Officer
The States of Deliberation
The Royal Court House
St Peter Port

15th August 2016

Dear Sir

Independent Monitoring Panel- Resignation of Ordinary Members

On behalf of the Committee for Home Affairs, I would be grateful if you could arrange for this letter to be published as an appendix to a future Billet d'État so that the Committee may discharge its statutory responsibility to notify the States' Assembly of the resignations of three ordinary members of the Independent Monitoring Panel.

The Independent Monitoring Panel is constituted under the Prison (Guernsey) Ordinance 2013 ("the Ordinance") as an independent body made up of members of the public to make unannounced visits to Guernsey Prison. Members provide independent oversight of the day-to-day operations of the Prison and prison conditions, monitor the administration of the prison, the treatment of prisoners and whether the statutory objectives of the prison system are being met, and serve to protect the well-being of prisoners.

Mr Stephen Hill, Mr John Ashby and Mrs Annette Henry tendered their respective resignations as ordinary members of the Independent Monitoring Panel to the Home Department late last year. The reasons given for the resignations were unrelated.

The Committee notes that the Ordinance requires the Panel is to consist of not less than four members with the exact number being determined by the Committee. There are currently eight individuals serving on the Panel following the three resignations and the Committee does not feel that there is a need for recruitment at this time.

Pursuant to paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 3 of the Ordinance, the Committee must notify the States of a member's resignation at the earliest opportunity. This was inadvertently overlooked by the previous Department and the Committee seeks to address this oversight.

Yours faithfully



Deputy Mary Lowe

President

Committee for Home Affairs