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Deputy M. J. Fallaize, (*indisposé*)

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States of Election

[THE BAILIFF *in the Chair*]

PRAYER

The Greffier

EVOCATION

CONVOCATION

5 **The Greffier:** Billet d'État IX. To the Members of the States of Election of the Island of Guernsey, I hereby give notice that a meeting of the States of Election will be held at the Royal Court House on Wednesday, 17th May 2017 at 9.30 a.m. for the purpose of electing a Jurat in place of Jurat Margaret Ann Spaargaren who, pursuant to section 10(1) of the Royal Court (Reform) (Guernsey) Law, 2008, as amended, will cease to hold office by reason of age on that day
10 but who is eligible to be appointed by the Royal Court as a Jurée-Justicière Suppléante.

Election of a Jurat – Joanne Marie Wyatt elected

The Bailiff: Members of the States of Election, good morning and welcome to all, especially those who are attending for the very first time. I can confirm that we are quorate. We have at least 60 Members present and a presiding officer, so we can proceed.

15 I have received three nominations for the vacant office of Jurat: that of Michael Newell Reiss Burrows, proposed by Deputy P T R Ferbrache and seconded by Deputy R G Prow; that of Sandra Lillian Silvestri, proposed by Deputy P J Roffey and seconded by Deputy J P Le Tocq; and that of Joanne Marie Wyatt, proposed by Deputy M K Le Clerc and seconded by Deputy J A B Gollop.

20 I invite first the proposer of Mr Burrows, Deputy Ferbrache, to address the Assembly. Deputy Ferbrache.

Deputy Ferbrache: Thank you, sir.

25 I do propose Michael Burrows. I realise that the opportunity of proposing somebody for the eminent role of a Jurat of the Royal Court is a great privilege, and therefore I do not do it lightly. The Jurat role not only is historical, going back centuries, it is as relevant as it is today. We have been fortunate over the centuries, and indeed at the present time, in having people of the highest quality discharging that important office. It is as valid in the 21st century as it was in the 14th century.

30 I have been extremely fortunate, because since March 1981 – I have had probably a unique experience in this room – I have appeared before very many of the dozens of people who have exercised the office Jurat, and the cardinal quality that they have all possessed, and in spades and in abundance, is that of integrity. When you are judging man and woman, when you are looking

at people's affairs, when you are making decisions that will affect people's lives, that is the quality that you need above all else. Michael Burrows – he is not a friend of mine but I know him and I have known him for many years – is a person who possesses that quality, again in abundance.

35 In relation to the role of Jurat you do not award it to somebody as a prize because they are one of our best citizens and are people of considerable ability, as they all are; you give it to people ... they are elected to that role, which they discharge honourably because they are in a position that they can exercise good judgement. He can and he has shown it. He was a senior police officer. He was in the Police Force for 27 years. He rose to the rank of inspector, he was
40 head of the traffic department and in this modern age he was head of technology, IT. I compared him with my maternal grandfather, who was a policeman in the late 1940s and early 1950s, and my beloved grandfather, many years dead, his only duty really was to stop people having a punch-up in the York on a Saturday night. It is a different role now for the modern policeman, and Michael Burrows was a thoroughly modern policeman. He attended and was a graduate of the FBI
45 at Quantico, Virginia. I have only really heard of that when I have read Patricia Cornwell novels, but it does exist and it is a very important function. He obtained a qualification in medical jurisprudence through London Hospital and he successfully attended a senior officer course at Bramshill, which is like Oxford or Cambridge, and he attended many other courses. He exercised good judgement, and in the days when the police inspectors prosecuted at the Magistrates Court
50 I had regular dealings with him – because I have appeared in so many rooms in this particular building I have lost count – and he was the worst of all prosecutors because he would stare, he was honourable, he knew his stuff and he was intelligent. That was very difficult for a defence advocate to get round, but we tried.

Michael Burrows, I have known him since he was a youngish man and he used to court one of
55 the girls that lived on the corner by the Odeon cinema – of course, we have got the fact that the States then made as many bad decisions as the States now are accused of, because it knocked down the Odeon cinema some years after. He did all those kind of things and Mike Burrows is a good man, steeped in this community.

He left the Police Force. He then joined an IT consultancy firm. It trebled in size because of his
60 leadership. He was the leading man in Guernsey. He then left that and he set up his own IT consultancy business. He is a man who has the qualities of Jurats ... I have referred to judgement. They have also got to be rounded people. Whether they were schoolteachers, engineers or whatever, they have got to be people who have that good judgement because they are dealing with sensitive, they are dealing with unpleasant issues, they are dealing with people's lives in every
65 conceivable way, so they have got to be sensitive, they have got to be tough when they need to be tough, and they have got to be humane, and they all are. I have appeared before them hundreds and hundreds of times. They get their judgments right most of the time. The only time they occasionally have not is when they have not listened to my reasonable submissions.
(Laughter)

70 I commend Michael Burrows. He would discharge the office of Jurat most capably.

The Bailiff: I now invite the seconder of Mr Burrows, Deputy Prow, to address the Assembly.

Deputy Prow: Thank you, Mr Bailiff.

75 I echo all the comments of Deputy Ferbrache, so I will not repeat them, regarding the vitally important role of the Jurat.

It is without hesitation that I second the nomination of Mr Michael Burrows to the office of Jurat. I have known Mike since we were both young men, and that, sir, is a long time. I know him both personally and in his professional capacity as a police officer, and in more recent years in his
80 capacity as a highly regarded information technology professional. I therefore understand his characteristics well and I can say that in my opinion he is an ideal candidate for the position for which he is nominated.

Mike has demonstrated throughout his life that he is a deep thinker, a man of integrity and fair minded. Not only that, Mike demonstrates a deep commitment towards all he takes on in life. Mike is a strong family man who has been married for 45 years to Gill and has three children: two working locally in the finance industry, who are married and each have three children; and one daughter who lives in Brighton, who has an event management business. He has spent all his adult life in Guernsey, having completed formal education at boarding school in the UK and subsequently gained a BA with the Open University in Computer Science.

Whilst he was attending the prestigious FBI Academy course in Quantico, Virginia, he was able to gain a wealth of experience interacting with attendees from all over the world. He subsequently attended annual European FBI gatherings in a variety of European capitals to exchange teachings and to swap experiences.

He has been involved in various charitable activities, including serving for four years as a council member for the National Trust of Guernsey. Mike also organised and took part in the much publicised Cycle Aware charitable event, raising money for incubators for premature babies, which were at that time desperately needed by the Princess Elizabeth Hospital. Mike also led various publicity stunts to raise awareness and, of course, donations, such as kidnapping the Co-op's St Martins store manager and asking for donations to release him. This involved a 615-mile cycle ride through France from St Malo to Dover to Weymouth in five days. This raised over £53,000 for the incubators.

Clearly, as well as cycling Mike has a great appetite for a whole range of sports. He was readily involved in the Guernsey clay pigeon shooting for several years, serving on the committee and helping organise and administer the sport's involvement in the Island Games when last held in Guernsey. Mike enjoys boating, having been a keen sailor for several years before turning to motor-boating. He is a keen follower of rugby, having played at school and for the Guernsey Rugby Club, and he enjoys a round of golf when he can find time. And if that was not enough, Mike has recently taken up archery.

Apart from helping his wife Gill to look after the garden and six grandchildren, Mike reads extensively and, having previously participated in local motorsport for many years, he now enjoys viewing professional sport from the comfort of an armchair.

Sir, in summary, Mike has made a huge contribution to Island life and knows and understands the way Guernsey ticks, both in his professional and personal life. I commend Mike Burrows to you and ask that you vote for him.

Thank you, sir.

The Bailiff: I invite the proposer of Mrs Silvestri, Deputy Roffey, to address the States of Election.

Deputy Roffey: Thank you, Mr Bailiff and Members of the States of Election.

It gives me enormous pleasure to propose Mrs Sandra Silvestri, née Clayton, as a Jurat of the Royal Court because I believe that she has all of the attributes, the skills and the characteristics to make an outstanding Jurat.

Amongst those characteristics of course is the fact that she is a good person, but don't worry, I am not going to regale you with 10 minutes of hyperbole of what a jolly good egg Mrs Silvestri is. Why not? Because, while it remains a very great honour to be elected to the post of Jurat, the days when we elected people to the post largely as an honour to recognise and celebrate what they had already achieved in their lives disappeared decades ago. These days we are choosing the correct people with the correct skills to carry out a very difficult and demanding job. In modern parlance we are judging the candidates against the key criteria for the role. I will return to that in just a minute, but first of all a few words in general about Mrs Silvestri.

The girl Clayton is very much a Guernsey girl and a Guernsey success story. Partially the product of the Guernsey Grammar School for Girls, she went on to have a stellar career for several decades in the local finance industry, rising to the very top level and becoming a director first of

Lloyds TSB Securities and then of Leopold Joseph, so obviously a very talented and intelligent lady. But her professional career was far from one dimensional. In fact, about 10 years ago she took the deliberate decision that she wanted to broaden her professional experience and quit pure finance to take on the very different and equally demanding role of being the office manager or the very well regarded local construction firm F Watson & Son Ltd, in which capacity she did everything from HR to client relations and I know she took it all in her stride, so she is not only very able but she is very flexible as well.

In other parts of her life she has been involved in an array of impressive charitable work and contributed a lot to the local sports scene, principally as a real stalwart of the local golfing scene, and I am sure that her seconder will expand upon those aspects of her life in a minute.

I want to return to why I think she would make an outstanding Jurat, and to answer that question I have really got to pose another one, and that is: what makes a good Jurat? To my view, the first prerequisite is they need to be highly intelligent. I know to some that might sound a bit elitist and I fully accept you do not need massive brainpower in order to have good judgement, but I am afraid in the modern world there are some roles where the postholder simply does need to be clever, be it nuclear scientist, brain surgeon or whatever – the list goes on – and in these days I think the list definitely includes Jurat of the Royal Court. The world has become more complicated and more complex, and so have the cases coming before our Royal Court. Don't forget that the Jurats are the sole determinants of fact in those cases, not of law but of fact. It is their job to look at what is often conflicting and complicated evidence and determine what has really occurred. To do that, I think they need to be highly intelligent and to have good analytical skills and I know that Mrs Sandra Silvestri has both of those qualities in spades.

Secondly, I think it is really useful to have at least some members of our Jurats' Bench with real top-level professional knowledge of finance. Why do I say that? Well, partly it is a sad reflection of the modern world and partly it is a natural consequence of our economic base in Guernsey that cases of fraud and other complex financial crimes are not the rarity that they used to be, and when those come before the Royal Court they must be a real challenge to our Jurats' Bench, so I think it is crucial that at least some of those Jurats really have not just general numeracy but a real professional knowledge of finance. I know we are fortunate to have some Jurats with that background and skill now, but with retirements looming it is absolutely vital that we maintain that skill base. With Sandra Silvestri we have an opportunity to do that and I think we would be foolish to pass it by.

I think the final key criterion for the job perhaps is the most important of all, but it is a bit more nebulous. I think we need our Jurats to be almost a contradiction in terms. I think we need them to be compassionate and yet hard headed. We do not want them to be draconian, but neither do we want them to be easily soft soaped. We need them to understand human nature, what makes people tick and what motivates them to do what they do, without that insight in any way obscuring their pursuit of justice. It really is a difficult balancing act. I will be absolutely honest, Mr Bailiff: while I believed that Sandra Silvestri had all those qualities, I did not think I knew her well enough to actually come here today and say to the States of Election that I was certain that was the case, and I was not willing to put somebody up unless I did know that they had those attributes. So I went out to other members of the community whom I really respect and who knew Sandra better than I did and asked them that question, and the answer came back loud and clear that beyond any doubt she also ticked that last box in the key criteria for the job of Jurat.

What I am offering today is somebody who certainly has got the skills and intelligence to make a good Jurat and certainly has the character to make a good Jurat, and I think a rare opportunity to put somebody with a really useful financial background on to the Jurats' Bench to help them cope with financial crime when it comes before them. So I warmly recommend her candidature to all the Members of the States of Election.

The Bailiff: I invite the seconder of Mrs Silvestri, Deputy Le Tocq, to address the Assembly.

Deputy Le Tocq: Mr Bailiff, I want to seek to present Sandra Silvestri from a complementary but different perspective to her proposer.

190 The ancient and high office of Jurat in our community carries with it not just the important competences we have already heard about, but the essential need for trust from all quarters of our community and I believe an even higher degree of commitment to public service than we, as People Deputies, should demonstrate.

195 Sandra is currently an active member of the Lady Taverners, Guernsey Region. In fact, she has been associated with the Lady Taverners for about 20 years and served as vice-chair during 2014-15. Locally there are around 90 members and they aim to raise funds for local children with special needs. Apart from monthly meetings, large functions are planned throughout the year, often with several hundred attendees and thousands of pounds are thereby raised for local families and children, regularly children with special needs.

200 And so the Girl Fridays. For many years Sandra organised and ran the Girl Fridays initiative. Like me, sir, Members of the States of Election may have heard of Girl Fridays but perhaps been too afraid to ask. Now that I am in the know I will let Members into the secret that this is a group of local ladies meeting each month for dinner and through such means and others organising raffles and the like to raise funds for a different chosen local charity each year.

205 Sandra has also been a volunteer for Grow Ltd and for Mencap. For several years she helped plan and participate in the children's Christmas parties and has regularly volunteered as a team member assisting in charity initiatives and various fund-raising events. Sandra has been an active friend of the Guernsey Cheshire Homes for several years. Working with staff, family and others who support this worthy cause, she has thrown herself into fund raising, organised quiz nights, raffles and sports competitions and helped with promoting the million-pound lottery project, including selling of tickets. Working alongside others, Sandra has also been involved with fund-raising events with social activities in support of Les Bourgs Hospice.

210 I believe Sandra's involvement in these charitable activities and third sector groups supports and illustrates three qualities which add further to the demonstration of her suitability to serve as a Jurat. These are selfishness ... selflessness! (*Laughter*) She'll remember that one! She regularly volunteers her time and effort to causes bravely and generously without seeking reward or to be in the limelight. A collaborative spirit: she works well with others in a team environment towards an agreed objective. In fact, I know, as others have testified to me, that Sandra has an ability to relate with and work well with a wide spectrum of people and her quiet determined effort is appreciated by all she has worked with. Public comity: she has shown and continues to show understanding and compassion to those in our society who are less fortunate than most. She is not just a supporter but one who has volunteered actively. Sir, if they are coupled with her wide finance and business background, I believe this puts Sandra in a strong and well-balanced position to fulfil the duties and requirements of this high and most honourable office.

225 **The Bailiff:** I invite the proposer of Mrs Wyatt, Deputy Le Clerc, to address the Assembly.

Deputy Le Clerc: Thank you, sir.

230 I am delighted to be able to propose Joanne Wyatt for the office of Royal Court Jurat. I have known Jo for many years and see her as having all the skills and accomplishments needed for this very important and honourable role in our community.

235 Jo started her career in finance before moving into recruitment working for a local agency, where she became a director of the company. Jo may be well known to you from her time at Sporting Bet, in which she had the role of community liaison officer. She was responsible for corporate and social responsibility for over seven years. Many of you may not be aware of how much this company has given back to the community, and Jo was involved in identifying opportunities for their community work. Jo was responsible for the Heather Watson family sponsorship and enabled the Guernsey FC sponsorship. She worked with their primary CSR

partner, Headway, for over seven years. During this time Jo got to appreciate the wonderful charitable work that goes on in our Island and the volunteers that make this happen.

240 In 2008 Jo saw an advert regarding the launch of the CYCT, the Children, Youth and Community Tribunal, as part of the new Children Law and the need for panel members. After a rigorous selection process and training, she was sworn in at the Royal Court in 2009 and served on the CYCT for four years. This position involved a lot of background reading and preparation beforehand, as well as having the ability to establish facts and test the information during the
245 tribunal: all skills that I am sure will be of assistance in the Jurat's rôle. Jo was asked to chair the majority of the hearings that she sat on, which involved further responsibility and demonstrates her ability to manage people and the esteem in which she was held within the CYCT.

Making decisions about children at risk is a big responsibility. During this time, Jo came in
250 contact with a variety of the different agencies on the Island that support our young people and their families. This role gave her a deep understanding of the problems facing some of our Islanders. Few get to see this level of detail. I think this is one of the many reasons why I was happy to support Jo in her nomination. I believe that her time on the CYCT has given her some valuable experience that would assist her if her nomination were successful today. There cannot
255 be a much more relevant apprenticeship for becoming a Jurat than serving as a CYCT tribunal member.

Jo was approached to work on the redevelopment of the KGV playing fields as a director, taking advantage of her management skills and her fundraising ability and connections with the community. This role was a big undertaking, with Jo being involved in all aspects of the business. Jo was instrumental in setting up all the leads and building up a business on the new 3G playing
260 surface.

More recently, Jo has spent time bringing up her family and has now qualified as a celebrant and has set up her own business, which means she can conduct civil wedding ceremonies, baby naming and vow renewals. Most importantly, this allows her flexible working hours, enabling her to fit in the commitment of being a Jurat.

265 Jo is quite happy for me to say that she is going to be 45 in June of this year. Although Jo is the youngest nominee, I am sure you will agree her age belies her experience and service to the Island. She is very aware of the time commitment to the role and she has the full support of her family. With her eldest son being 19, she feels that her children are at a good age for her to now take on this role. I believe we do need more women like Jo to come forward for this important
270 role.

Jo is fiercely proud of her Guernsey heritage and believes that it is our responsibility to ensure that the traditions and values of our Island are upheld for future generations. I hope that you will give her your wholehearted support with your vote today.

Thank you, sir.

275 **The Bailiff:** I invite the seconder of Mrs Wyatt, Deputy Gollop, to address the Assembly.

Deputy Gollop: Thank you, sir.

280 When Jo Wyatt and Deputy Le Clerc first approached me, like Deputy Roffey I knew the candidate but I wanted to know her better. On an initial inspection I realised that she was born Joanne Kite. I did not know at that time she was going to be a celebrant maybe of marriages, but of course we have elected some Methodist ministers to the Jurats' Bench over the years.

Jo Wyatt was born Joanne Kite and was educated in England at St Mary's School, Gerrard's Cross and at St Aldgate's College, Oxford. She is married to an old Elizabethan, Tim Wyatt, who
285 has enjoyed a career with Specsavers. She currently works from home on her business ideas, a busy mother, as has been said, with three school-age children – Edward, Henry and Montgomery. Well, actually, Edward has left school, 19, and works in the finance sector. So she understands the needs of young people from primary school age to leaving age and she is very aware, as I think we all are, that the pressures today are different from the past, with social media, bullying and

290 body image issues being there, which of course has been instructed by her work for the Children's Youth and Community Tribunal.

We know she has many interests from walking dogs to dancing to sports, and she is best known perhaps for her serious project development that she has initiated and the completed, revamped, transformed and reinvigorated King George V sports and social centre complex that
295 only this week was a notable venue for, amongst other things, the Authors XI playing literary cricket.

Jo has shown dedicated professionalism and commitment in many, many tasks. I know and I am sure that she will give the perspective to balance the Bench with the views of the younger generation, including more positive attitudes to being proactively fit and sustaining positive and
300 life-enhancing attitudes to mental health.

I first met Jo a number of years ago when she was an active and popular member of the Guernsey Young Businessmen's Group, when indeed it was still called the Young Businessmen's Group. I am still a member but don't necessary qualify, but she has moved on to other things and she was a great participant and contributor at lunches and the Herm Club. I know she will bring to
305 the Jurat a fresh youthful perspective, a balanced outlook, a knowledge of business projects and family dynamics and perhaps a greater element of modern representation with her strong social background and, to an extent, the diversity she brings to the role. She will bring valuable continuity and experience to come. Some of us – well, none of us probably are old enough to remember, but there was a time in the 19th century when Guernsey regularly elected Jurats who
310 were not just in their 40s but even in their 20s, in a different time and place.

I said I *thought* I knew Jo, but of course when you scratch below the surface into someone who is such a positive achiever, many other things come to light. Although it seems on first glance that she is a person from England, in fact she has strong local roots. Her grandfather was a well-known grower and personality, a Mr Ernest Walt. Her father was an airline pilot who had to be based in
315 the UK but worked for British Airways. Her mother and family are based and indeed she spent part of her schooling here at the Grammar School as well as her children have appreciated being at that school, at Notre Dame and other schools.

Our paths have not crossed as much as they might have done, but there is a good reason for that: she is *very* sporty. She has completed the Bailiwick Walk. Now, I thought that was the Itex
320 Walk but in fact it is the walk that goes around all of the islands, not just Guernsey, and includes Alderney, Sark, Herm and Brecqhou. I believe some distinguished Members of this Assembly may have completed the walk, but I am not one of them, (*Laughter*) and our previous Governor did, but she did and she raised thousands collectively – I think it was up to £40,000 – for charity. But she has not stopped there: she has done at least two, if not three, London Marathons; she cycled
325 all the way from London to Paris – well, I did that on the train, but I don't think that counts (*Laughter*); and she has been a professional tennis player. She has organised Southampton Football Club happy events here. She has worked for Sporting Bet, which has been a great contributor to our Island. She also represented Guernsey twice at the Island Games and won medals, and indeed was regarded I think at one point as the second best player from the
330 Guernsey Bailiwick in tennis. She chose tennis precisely because it was not necessarily her strongest sport, because she wants to take on a commitment and really go with it.

She is motivated to bring balance, she is motivated to give something back to the community that has given a lot to her, her ancestors and her current generation, and she really wants to ensure that Jurats understand the problems of people of all ages and kinds on the Island and not
335 just necessarily those who were perhaps, as has been hinted at earlier, more from a NEETs perspective.

She is compassionate, warm, exciting and very driven – driven to succeed against the odds, whether it be in life, in business, in innovation, in sports, and of course as a busy parent and mother. I think that she has exactly the right characteristics and is exactly at the right stage, with
340 children beginning to leave home and her professional career moving to a new level, to give much

of her time to honorary service as the next member of the Jurats' Bench, so I commend her candidature.

Thank you.

345 **The Bailiff:** Members of the States of Election, that concludes the speeches.

Before you proceed to vote, you must first elect scrutineers. The Law Officers propose and second that the following nominees, Jurat Hooley, Deputy Paint and Deputy Kuttelwascher, be elected as scrutineers.

350 I put to you the Proposition that Jurat Hooley, Deputy Paint and Deputy Kuttelwascher be elected as scrutineers. Those in favour; those against.

Members voted Pour.

The Bailiff: I declare that carried.

I have received a Certificate from Her Majesty's Greffier stating that there are present in the Chamber 91 Members of the States of Election, and I confirm, as I said earlier, that a quorum is present.

The Bailiff received the Certificate of Her Majesty's Greffier.

355 **The Bailiff:** Next, I need to explain the arrangements for voting. There are provisions relating to the voting in the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948, as amended. Article 5(2) provides that, and I quote:

(a) No candidate shall be declared elected unless he has polled a number of votes greater than one half of the number of members of the States of Election present at the meeting at which the election is held.

The Article also provides that:

Voting shall be by secret ballot irrespective of the number of candidates offering themselves for election.

360 I would remind you that Members supporting a candidate should place a cross in the appropriate place on the voting paper and that other Members who do not wish to support a candidate should return a blank voting paper.

365 The voting will take place next door in the Jurats' Room and I would ask that you allow Her Majesty's Greffier and the three scrutineers to leave the Chamber first, so that the scrutineers can examine the voting box and record their own votes. Other Members should then proceed to the Jurats' Room in the order of their names on the roll call. To speed up the arrangements, the roll call has been divided in half: the first half contains the names of those Members up to and including the Deputies from the Vale – that is up to and including Deputy Hansmann Rouxel; and the second half contains the names of the Members from the Castel, starting with Deputy Graham, to the end of the roll call. So, when you leave the Chamber, please form into two queues
370 along the corridor to the Jurats' Room. On entering the Jurats' Room, the Members in the first half of the roll call should proceed to the table on the left and the second half to the table on the right to collect your ballot paper, and when you have voted please exit the Jurats' Room via the Jurats' Lobby and return to the Chamber.

We will rise now so that you may vote and return in due course.

There was a ballot.

375 **The Bailiff:** Members of the States of Election, I have received from Her Majesty's Greffier the record of the vote and I can announce that the voting was as follows: Michael Newell Reiss

Burrows, 30 votes; Joanne Marie Wyatt, 32 votes; Sandra Lillian Silvestri, 29 votes. There were no spoiled papers and no blank papers.

380 As the candidate with the highest number of votes has not polled a number of votes greater than one half of the number of Members of the States of Election present at this meeting, then in pursuance of the provisions of the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948, as amended, she cannot be declared elected and a second ballot is necessary. However, under the provisions of that Law, as amended, the candidate with the least number of votes in any ballot in which no candidate is declared elected shall be eliminated from the next ballot. Mrs Silvestri is therefore eliminated at
385 this stage.

So you will be invited to vote again and I remind you there will be two candidates this time: Michael Newell Reiss Burrows and Joanne Marie Wyatt. Those supporting either Mr Burrows or Mrs Wyatt should place a cross in the appropriate place on the voting paper, and any other Member who does not wish to support either of those should return a blank voting paper. The
390 voting for the second round will now take place in the Jurats' Room under the same conditions as the first ballot. I remind you it is Mr Burrows and Mrs Wyatt.

There was a ballot.

The Bailiff: Once again, I have received from Her Majesty's Greffier the record of the vote, this time on the second ballot, and I can announce that the voting was: Michael Newell Reiss Burrows, 39 votes; Joanne Marie Wyatt, 45 votes.

395 As there were 91 people voting, nobody has secured the required 50%. So, under the same rule that we applied last time, the person with the least number of votes now drops out and there will be a further round of voting simply for the person with the higher number of votes, and that is for Joanne Marie Wyatt.

I remind you that if you support Mrs Wyatt you place a cross in the appropriate place on the voting paper; if you do not support her, you return a blank voting paper. Once again, the voting
400 takes place in the Jurats' Room under the same conditions as the first ballot and I remind you that the only candidate in this third ballot is Mrs Wyatt. Thank you.

There was a ballot.

The Bailiff: Members of the States of Election, I confirm that I have received from Her Majesty's Greffier the record of the vote in the third ballot. I will read the letter:

Sir, we have the honour to report that the result of the third ballot for the election of one Jurat held this day is as follows: Joanne Marie Wyatt, 57 votes. There were six spoiled and 28 blank papers.

405 Mrs Wyatt having polled a number of votes greater than one half of the number of Members present, I therefore formally declare that Joanne Marie Wyatt has this day been elected as a Jurat of the Royal Court.

By time honoured custom I shall now address the *Prévôt-délégué* and direct him to formally notify Joanne Marie Wyatt and to require her to attend a sitting of the Royal Court to take the
410 necessary oath.

Monsieur le Prévôt-délégué de la Reine, veuillez, je vous prie, présenter mes compliments et mes félicitations à Madame Joanne Marie Wyatt et lui faire part de son élection à la charge de Juré-Justicier de la Cour Royale.

Priez-lui d'avoir l'obligeance de se présenter lundi, le vingt-deux mai à neuf heures et demi du matin devant la Cour Royale siégeant en Corps afin que le serment attachant à telle charge lui soit administré.
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Merci.

Members of the States of Election, I should just go back to the second ballot. When I read out the Greffier's letter I omitted to inform you that there had been one spoilt paper and six blank

420 papers. I apologise for that. So, for the record, therefore, the full record on the second ballot was:
Michael Newell Reiss Burrows, 39 votes; Joanne Marie Wyatt, 45 votes; one spoilt paper; and six
blank papers. I apologise for not having read that at the time.

Members of the States of Election, that concludes the meeting for this unique electoral college,
which fulfils such an important contributory role in the administration of justice in this Island. I
425 thank you all for your attendance and I would remind those of you who are Members of the
States of Deliberation that the States of Deliberation will sit in 10 minutes' time.

Her Majesty's Greffier, would you now please close today's proceedings by reciting the closing
Grace.

Thank you all for attending.

PRAYER

The Greffier

The States of Election adjourned at 11.07 a.m.