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B I L L E T D ' É T A T

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

I have the honour to inform you that a Meeting of the States of Deliberation will be held at **THE ROYAL COURT HOUSE, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th FEBRUARY, 2007,** immediately after the meeting already convened for that day by Billet d'État No V, containing the Public Accounts Committee Report entitled "Investigation into the Award of the Clinical Block Contract", to consider the items contained in this Billet d'État.

G. R. ROWLAND
Bailiff and Presiding Officer

The Royal Court House
Guernsey
13th February 2007

To The Members of the States of the Island of Guernsey:

RESIGNATION OF CHIEF MINISTER AND MINISTERS

Members are asked to note that I have received letters of resignation from eleven Deputies from the offices of Chief Minister and Ministers of all ten Departments of the States.

It should be noted that a number of Ministers have, on reflection, amended their letters of resignation. Except where otherwise stated, the letters contained within this Billet d'État are dated the same as the date of the original letter received by my office.

The following Ministers have asked that their resignation be without debate by the States:

Chief Minister, Deputy Laurence Charles Morgan
 Commerce and Employment Department, Deputy Stuart John Falla, MBE
 Culture and Leisure Department, Deputy Peter Raphael Sirett
 Education Department, Deputy Martin Andrew Ozanne
 Environment Department, Deputy Bernard Marcel Flouquet
 Health and Social Services Department, Deputy Peter John Roffey
 Home Department, Deputy Michael William Torode
 Public Services Department, Deputy William Mather Bell
 Social Security Department, Deputy Mary May Lowe

The nine resignation letters from the Chief Minister and the Ministers listed above are included herewith as an Appendix, published in alphabetical order of the Departments.

At this present time, the Chief Minister and Ministers continue to hold their offices. They cease to hold those offices on the election by the States of a successor. Members are reminded that Rule 7 (3) of The Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees reads as follows:

“Term of Office

If the Chief Minister, the Deputy Chief Minister, a Minister of a Department or the Chairman of a States Committee tenders his resignation from that office in a letter to the Presiding Officer, and does not include in that letter a request that the matter be debated by the States, his resignation shall automatically take effect on the election by the States of his successor.”

Should the States so decide, a Minister who resigns could be re-elected to be the Minister of the Department of which s/he is currently the Minister. The same applies to the Chief Minister. Members are reminded that Rule 8 of The Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees reads as follows:

“Officeholders eligible for re-election

No limit shall be set on the number of times that a person may be elected by the States to the same office, whether consecutively or otherwise.”

It is likely that the election for the office of Chief Minister will take place on Monday 05 March 2007 (Members should note that there are specific procedures laid out in Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure relating to the election of a Chief Minister. Within this Billet d’État, the House Committee has submitted a Report to enable the States to consider part of those Rules). It is likely that the elections for the offices of Ministers of the Departments (as required) will take place on Wednesday 07 March 2007. I will publish the relevant Billet(s) d’État in due course.

I should advise that Deputy Flouquet, having tendered his resignation as Minister of the Environment Department, will cease to be the Deputy Chief Minister when his resignation as the current Minister of the Environment Department takes effect. The election for Deputy Chief Minister will follow the elections for the offices of Ministers of the Departments, as only a Minister is eligible for election as Deputy Chief Minister.

It should be noted that, depending on the outcome of the elections of the Chief Minister and Ministers, it might be necessary to hold elections for Chairman of a Committee or for Members of Departments or Committees. If such further elections are necessary, it is anticipated that they could be held on Friday 09 March 2007.

G. R. ROWLAND
Bailiff and Presiding Officer

The Royal Court House
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8th February 2007

HOUSING DEPARTMENT**RESIGNATION OF MINISTER**

The Minister of the Housing Department, Deputy David Brian Jones, has asked that his resignation be without debate by the States only if the States considers the 'Public Accounts Committee – Investigation into the Award of the Clinical Block Contract' Report (Billet d'État V) prior to this matter. That is, if that Public Accounts Committee Report is not considered first by the States then Deputy Jones has asked that his resignation be debated by the States.

Deputy Jones' resignation letter is attached herewith.

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Wednesday 31st January 2007.

Dear Sir,

It is with profound regret that I tender my resignation to you as Housing Minister.

It has become clear after discussions with the Chief Minister and fellow Ministers on the Policy Council, together with close colleagues that this course of action although regrettable, is in the best interests of Guernsey as a whole.

The pressure on myself, my wife, together with the rest of my family, has over the last few weeks become intolerable. I would personally like to thank all of them for their unwavering support and guidance through what has been an extremely stressful period.

I have served as Housing Minister for the past three years to the best of my ability and it will be for others to decide whether as Housing Minister I have served this island well. I would also like to say a personal thank you to Deputy Mark Dorey who has done an outstanding job as Deputy Housing Minister and I thank him for his guidance, good humour and support, also of course to Stephen Langford, Housing Department's Chief officer.

As for the events that have led to this decision, I would comment as follows. It is of fundamental importance that in any democracy, elected members of a government feel they can ask difficult questions without fear of retribution by some who feel that some questions are best left un-asked. The issue of over exposure when our political lives come into conflict with our business interests must always be a matter for careful consideration. In a small community such as ours, it is inevitable that at one time or another there will be occasions when States members who are also island business people find their business and political interests running parallel.

However, any conflicting interests have to be viewed in their entirety, for instance if the scale and monetary value of several government contracts awarded to a company that has shareholders who are also senior politicians and that market share is disproportional in a small community such as ours, then it is likely to come under close scrutiny and possibly invite adverse public comment.

I accept that in this particular instance the timing of two major contracts coinciding, was in no way the fault of the contractor, however I believe we had a duty to raise the issue around the Policy Council table, however uncomfortable that might be for those involved or indeed for the client HSSD. Further I would have been perfectly content for the States as a whole to take a view on it when it discussed the tenders for the clinical block in open debate, however as you are aware for reasons that have still not become clear, the project was never allowed to reach the floor of the house.

I have been criticised together with others, by one member of the Policy Council for acting in an inappropriate manner during those discussions, or of having a hidden agenda, I refute strongly both these unfounded allegations, as does the WAO report.

I have always considered that the role of the Policy Council must first and foremost be that of a healthy forum for detailed and forensic debate. It is here where all policy proposals are first tested and examined. Only when general agreement has been reached, can the Council hope to gain the approval of the body of the States.

I regret to inform you that the process of robust discussion is now being regarded by at least one member, the Health Minister, as insolence and while the nanny knows best attitude of Deputy Roffey becomes extremely tiresome at times on the floor of the house, it becomes even more repressive in a small forum such as the Policy Council.

Deputy Roffey has also said in the past, that he finds serving on the Policy Council frustrating. I understand that it can be very frustrating at times when you cannot always persuade others to your point of view.

Protests from the Health Minister that he simply cannot work with those who disagree and therefore as a consequence the council is dysfunctional, or that its members are egotistical often follow. This of course is nothing new, an illustration of this frustration was clearly evident when the Treasury insisted that cut backs had to be made, threats of resignation by the Minister for Health were quick to follow.

To say however that those on the Policy Council are constantly at loggerheads would be to give a completely false impression, the Policy Council working together as a whole, have supported a huge amount of government legislation and projects placed before the States of Deliberation over the last three years and has successfully seen the vast majority voted through.

What is needed now, is for us all to confine this unfortunate episode to island history and move forward with renewed determination and commitment.

My final point is this, when I was elected in 2000 and again in the Vale in 2004, I promised the Vale parishioners, that "I would ask the questions they wanted answers to", I have kept my promise and will continue to have at all times, the best interests of the people of Guernsey at heart, in whatever position I am able to serve in the States of Deliberation.

I wish my resignation to be debated by the house.

I remain your obedient servant



Deputy Dave Jones.

The States are asked to decide:-

Whether after consideration of the letter dated 31st January 2007 from Deputy David Brian Jones, they are of the opinion:-

I.- To accept the resignation of Deputy D B Jones as Minister for the Housing Department.

(NB As explained to the Bailiff, Deputy Jones will seek leave to withdraw this item in the event that the States has already debated the Report dated 25th January, 2007, from the Public Accounts Committee Report entitled “Investigation into the Award of the Clinical Block Contract” contained in Billet d’État No V.)

TREASURY AND RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

RESIGNATION OF MINISTER

The Minister of the Treasury and Resources Department, Deputy Lyndon Sean Trott, has asked that his resignation be debated by the States.

Deputy Trott's resignation letter is attached herewith.

G. R. ROWLAND
Bailiff and Presiding Officer

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1st February 2007.

Dear Sir,

It is with regret that I write to formally tender my resignation as Minister of the Treasury & Resources Department in accordance with rule 7(3) of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

In formally registering my resignation I wish to place on record my appreciation for the considerable support that I have received over almost three years, in my role as Treasury and Resources Minister not least from my fellow board members. I know all the members of my board would join me in praising our senior executive team in particular, who have been simply outstanding throughout that period. The formation delivery and approval by the States, of three, un-amended annual budgets and the relatively recent, yet clearly essential creation of States Property Services are among several successful initiatives that I am proud to have been directly associated with.

However, from my personal perspective, the massive task of Fiscal & Economic Reform, which has involved working so very closely with all colleagues, stands out strongly. As you are all aware unprecedented levels of public consultation helped inform the States into successfully resolving stage one of our fiscal reform policy. These reforms remain fundamentally necessary to help protect our community's prosperity. There is still much hard work to be done if these approved strategies are to be fully and successfully implemented over the coming months.

The resignation of any Minister is a serious matter. The circumstances, conclusions and recommendations published in the Wales Audit Office report, direct my view that there is only one sensible course of action. In the interests of transparency and accountability, I ask that my resignation, be fully debated, by the States of Deliberation.

Yours faithfully,

Lyndon Trott.

(NB Original letter was dated 31 January 2007.)

The States are asked to decide:-

Whether after consideration of the letter dated 1st February 2007 from Deputy Lyndon Sean Trott, they are of the opinion:-

II.- To accept the resignation of Deputy L S Trott as Minister for the Treasury and Resources Department.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STATES OF DELIBERATION

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

6th February 2007

Dear Sir

Executive Summary

This report proposes a simple amendment to Rule 20 (2A) of the Rules of Procedure which, if approved by the States, will enable Members of the States who have served as either People's Deputy or Douzaine Representative for a period of not less than four years in the previous eight years to be eligible to hold the office of Chief Minister. Presently only service as a People's Deputy is counted for this purpose.

Report

1. Rule 20 (2A) of the Rules of Procedure is in the following terms:

“Any Member of the States shall be eligible to hold the office of Chief Minister provided that he shall have held the office of People's Deputy for a period of not less than four years in the eight years immediately preceding the date set for election of a Chief Minister.”

2. This Rule was approved by the States on the 27th April 2006 following consideration of a Report from the House Committee. The relevant part of the report states:

“Should there be a rule that precludes new States Members, with no previous experience, from standing for the position of Chief Minister?”

Whilst the House Committee considers the introduction of a 'previous experience' rule unnecessary in respect of other offices, a majority of the Committee supports the introduction of such a rule with regard to the office of Chief Minister, believing it essential that the Chief Minister should have at least a full term's previous experience of working within Guernsey's system of government in order to discharge effectively the

responsibilities of that office. Further, the Committee is of the opinion that such experience should be current: a person who had not served in one of the two previous terms of the States would be likely to have lost touch with the current issues of government.

Recommendation: that candidates for the office of Chief Minister shall have held office as a People's Deputy for not less than four years of the eight years immediately preceding the date set for the election."

3. It will be noted that the above extract refers to previous experience of working within Guernsey's system of government – it does not refer specifically to work as a People's Deputy. The House Committee has concluded that the wording adopted less than 12 months ago inadvertently disregarded service as a Douzaine Representative in prescribing the necessity for previous service as a People's Deputy and therefore believes that this matter should be rectified before the forthcoming election of a Chief Minister.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends the States to resolve that Rule 20 (2A) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation be amended with immediate effect by the addition of the words "or Douzaine Representative" after the words "People's Deputy".

Yours faithfully

D P Le Cheminant
Chairman

(NB The Policy Council and the Treasury and Resources Department have waived their right to append statements to this Report in accordance with Rule 2 (2) of the "Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation".)

The States are asked to decide:-

III.- Whether, after consideration of the Report dated 6th February, 2007, of the House Committee, they are of the opinion:-

To amend Rule 20 (2A) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation with immediate effect by the addition of the words "or Douzaine Representative" after the words "People's Deputy".

APPENDIX

The following letters of resignation were submitted without a request that they be debated. The consequence is that there will be no debate on these letters.

Letters of Resignation from the Chief Minister, Minister for the Commerce and Employment Department, Minister for the Culture and Leisure Department, Minister for the Education Department, Minister for the Environment Department, Minister for the Health and Social Services Department, Minister for the Home Department, Minister for the Public Services Department, Minister for the Social Security Department

As stated in the Bailiff's memorandum included earlier in this Billet d'État, a further Billet d'État will be issued requiring the States of Deliberation to assemble to elect a Chief Minister (meeting likely to be held on Monday 05 March 2007); a further Billet d'État will be issued requiring the States of Deliberation to assemble to elect such Ministers of Departments as may be required (meeting likely to be held on Wednesday 07 March 2007); another Billet d'État will be issued requiring the States of Deliberation to assemble, if necessary, to elect Members of the States to such other offices as may arise following the consideration of the aforementioned Billets d'État (meeting could be held on Friday 09 March 2007).

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4 February 2007

The Bailiff
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Dear Mr Bailiff

It is with great sadness that I tender my resignation from the position of Chief Minister of the States of Guernsey.

During the past nineteen years I have worked tirelessly for the people of this Island and firmly believe that I have been instrumental in bringing about essential and desirable changes. I do not believe that my integrity and honesty have ever been called into question. Furthermore, I do not accept many of the criticisms made and being made by the Press, the WAO and certain States members, some of which are based on inaccurate information and heresy.

One of these criticisms is that I am an ineffective chairman and should not, therefore, continue as Chief Minister. I am not, and do not claim to be, a great orator and I do exercise consensual chairmanship, as most other Ministers, and Presidents before them, do. It is the 'Guernsey Way' and reflects the mandate given to us by the States before the new Machinery of Government came into being three years ago.

It appears to me that the States may now be minded to move closer to the kind of executive government recommended by the independent Harwood Panel in 2003, the main planks of which were overwhelmingly rejected by the States at the time. The former Deputy Roper placed an amendment in the 2003 debate to accept all the Harwood recommendations. I was one of the seven other members who voted for that amendment.

For clarification, I am not asking for my resignation to be debated, in the belief that Billet D'Etat V, 2007 will have been considered by the States beforehand.

Yours sincerely



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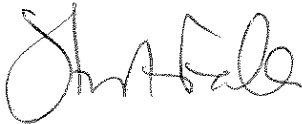
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30th January 2007

Dear Mr Bailiff

I have decided, after much thought, over the last few days and since studying in depth the Wales Audit Office Report on the withdrawal of the tender for the clinical block to resign from my position as Minister for Commerce & Employment without further debate under Section 7(3) of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Falla', written in a cursive style.

Stuart Falla



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5th February 2007

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Dear Sir,

During a meeting of the Policy Council yesterday there was some discussion on the manner in which individual Council Members had tendered their resignations. It became apparent that the current situation, with just three members wishing their resignation to be debated, would not enable the quickest transition to a new Policy Council.

Accordingly I and one other Minister, the third person is still considering his position, took the decision to amend our resignation letters in order to simplify the election process. In so doing we will also give the Deputy who is elected as Chief Minister complete freedom to nominate his own team to form the Policy Council.

I must however emphasise that I believe it is absolutely essential the WAO report on the Clinical Block is debated prior to the election process. We must be able to move forward knowing that this whole unsavoury business is behind us.

I ask you to accept this letter in replacement of my letter of the 3rd February, 2007 and I confirm that I wish this letter to be published in full in the Billet relating to the elections.

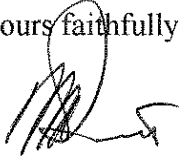
It is with the deepest regret that I tender my resignation as Minister of the Culture & Leisure Department. I believe that my involvement with the situation leading to the withdrawal of the R. G. Falla tender for the Clinical Block was minimal. I trust that my fellow members of the House will acknowledge the contribution that the team I am privileged to lead has made to the many successes of the Culture & Leisure Department since its formation in 2004. I confirm that I intend to stand for re-election as Minister for Culture & Leisure.

Guernsey is currently facing many challenges that will require us all to unite and work together for the benefit of the community. We will be debating the first ever government business plan in July, facing the introduction of the fiscal policies in support of the 0 - 10 tax strategy in January 2008, and looking ahead to a general

election in just over 12 months time when we will see the retirement of many senior members of the House. Now is not the time to be bickering amongst ourselves over this unfortunate affair, it is time to learn from the W.A.O. Report and move on.

Government stability is one of the mainstays of our international reputation and the perception today is one of uncertainty. We must act swiftly to dispel that uncertainty and elect members to the Policy Council who are prepared to put their differences behind them and work towards a common goal, that of ensuring our Island remains a good place to live, work and bring up our children.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Sirett', written over the words 'Yours faithfully'.

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31st January 2007

Dear Mr Bailiff,

It is with deep regret that I tender my resignation as Minister of Education.

The publication of the Wales Audit Report on the withdrawal of a tender to construct the clinical block for the Health and Social Services Department clearly indicated serious shortcomings within The Policy Council. To ensure that the reputation of The States of Guernsey is harmed no further I now believe that it is right that all members of The Policy Council resign, that the matter is dealt with swiftly and with the least amount of acrimony.

In supporting The Health and Social Services proposals and in defending the position of Deputy Falla I believe that I acted at all times in the best interest of this Island.

Having experienced membership of the Advisory and Finance Committee with the changes to our Machinery of Government I had hoped that a more cohesive type of government would emerge. This patently has not been the case. So while many will be keen to point fingers of blame perhaps with some justification it is not just clashes of personalities or misguided thinking that is at fault.

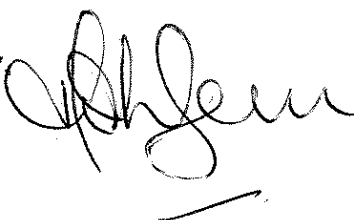
It angers me that having worked so hard with colleagues and staff at The Education Department to find savings of over £3 million for the construction of the Les Nicolles Schools Development that we are now faced with a clinical block which could have been constructed for £2.4 million less.

Much has been achieved by The Education Department with the support of The States over the last few years. Not only with the schools rebuilding programme, but also with the rising standards in all of our schools as shown in the published validations.

My board and all our staff have much to be proud of, I am therefore understandably extremely sad to be resigning at a time when there is such a strong feeling of optimism. I hope that The States may see fit to re-elect me to that post. I place my future role in our Government in their hands and request that this resignation is not debated.

I remain,
Yours sincerely

Martin Ozanne



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States of Guernsey Presiding Officer,
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4 February 2007

Dear Sir

It is with deep regret that I hereby tender my resignation from the elected position of Minister of the Environment Department in accordance with Rule 7(3) of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

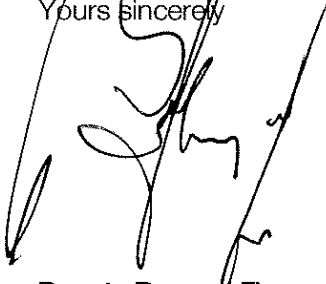
I do so only to assist in the expeditious re-construction of the Policy Council following the controversy over the PEH Clinical Block tendering process.

This action does not in any way imply any acceptance of wrongdoing on my behalf before, during or after the Policy Council meetings of the 7th and 9th August 2006.

I have always striven to abide by the very highest standards of parliamentary behaviour while being an elected Deputy.

I would be grateful if you would bring this to the attention of the States at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely



Deputy Bernard Flouquet

Minister for the Environment Department

Resignation letter from Deputy Peter Roffey to the Bailiff of Guernsey,

29/01/07

Mr Bailiff,

After considerable reflection I have decided to offer the States my resignation as Health and Social Services Minister. I do so not because of any departmental shortcomings but because the post of HSSD Minister carries with it a seat on the Policy Council.

I am convinced that confidence in that body, both amongst States Members and the public, has been rightly damaged by the Council's clear responsibility for the unnecessary increase in the cost of the clinical block project at the PEH.

I have no wish to have my resignation debated.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Roffey', written in a cursive style.

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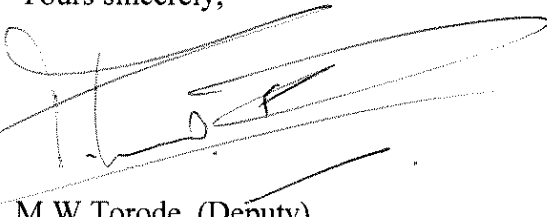
Dear Sir,

It is with great regret that I find, through circumstances beyond my control, I have to ask you to place my resignation as Minister for the Home Department before the States of Deliberation.

I do not wish to have my resignation fully debated by the States.

It is my intention, the States concurring, to continue serving the Policy Council until my intended retirement from politics at the end of April, 2008.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M W Torode', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

M W Torode (Deputy)

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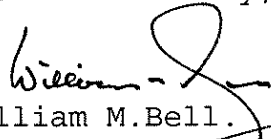
5th February 2007

Dear Sir,

I am writing to confirm that I hereby offer my resignation as Minister of the Public Services Department in accordance with the decision reached by my colleagues on the Policy Council.

I request that my offer to resign not be debated by the States of Deliberation.

Yours faithfully,


William M. Bell.

(NB Original letter was dated 2 February 2007.)


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1st February 2007.

Dear Sir

Having regard to the events that have followed the publication of the report of the Welsh Audit Office on the Princess Elizabeth Hospital Clinical Block, I hereby tender my resignation, as Minister of the Social Security Department and, consequently, my membership of the Policy Council, under section 7(3) of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

It has been an honour and a privilege to hold the above offices and I have endeavoured, at all times, to undertake my responsibilities with the best interests of the people of Guernsey and Alderney at heart. It is out of respect to the wider community of the Islands that I now tender my resignation, in the sincere hope that a reconstituted Policy Council can swiftly consign the recent problems to history and move forward constructively.

I shall be seeking re-election as Minister of the Social Security Department.

Yours faithfully



Mary Lowe
Minister
Social Security Department.

IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY ON THE 1ST DAY OF MARCH 2007

(Meeting adjourned from 28th February 2007)

**The States resolved as follows concerning Billet d'Etat No VII
dated 13th February 2007**

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

RESIGNATION OF MINISTER

- I.- At the instance of Deputy D B Jones, TO GRANT LEAVE TO WITHDRAW this Article.

TREASURY AND RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

RESIGNATION OF MINISTER

- II.- At the instance of Deputy L S Trott, TO GRANT LEAVE TO WITHDRAW this Article.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STATES OF DELIBERATION

- III.- After consideration of the Report dated 6th February, 2007, of the House Committee:-

To amend Rule 20 (2A) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation with immediate effect by the addition of the words “or Douzaine Representative” after the words “People’s Deputy”.

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