

BILLET D'ÉTAT

FRIDAY 9th MARCH 2007

CONSEQUENTIAL ELECTIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE STATES TO DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES X 2007

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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 FRIDAY,** the **9**th **MARCH, 2007,** at 9.30am, to consider the items contained in this Billet d'État and in such supplementary document(s) as may be deemed necessary following the consideration of Billets d'État VIII and IX of 2007 ('Election of a Chief Minister' and 'Election of Ministers and Deputy Chief Minister').

G. R. ROWLAND Bailiff and Presiding Officer

The Royal Court House Guernsey 16th February 2007

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

Members will have noted the content of Billets d'État VII, VIII and IX of 2007.

Depending on the outcome of the elections of the Chief Minister, Ministers and Deputy Chief Minister, it might be necessary to hold elections for a Chairman of a Committee or for Members of Departments or Committees. If such further consequential elections are necessary, it is intended that they will be held on Friday 9th March 2007¹. Hence this Billet d'État.

Rule 3(2) of The Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees (hereinafter "the Department Rules") states that, "The Chief Minister shall not sit on any States Department or States Committee other than the Emergency Powers Authority." Therefore, should any Member of the States be elected to the office of Chief Minister when that person until that date has held office in any States Department or Committee then that person would no longer sit on that Department or Committee. A vacancy for the unexpired portion of that Member's term in that Department or Committee will thereby arise, and another Member of the States would need to be elected².

Similarly, other vacancies may arise and elections may be required consequent upon the elections of Ministers (as contained within Billet d'État IX of 2007) subject to Rule 4(3) of the Department Rules, which states that, "In addition to holding a seat on the Policy Council and a seat on his own Department, a Minister shall not hold office as Minister of any other Department, and shall not sit as an ordinary Member on more than one other Department, nor shall he sit as Chairman or ordinary Member on either the Public Accounts Committee or the Scrutiny Committee³."

Rule 7(6) of the Department Rules states that, "If a member elected by the States to a Department or Committee ceases to be a member of that Department or Committee before the expiration of the term for which he was elected a new member shall be elected by the States to serve the unexpired portion of that member's term of office."

Should any Member of the States be elected to the office of Minister of a Department when that person until that date has held office as an ordinary member of more than one other Department, then that Member would need to decide which Department(s) that Member would no longer sit upon. A letter (or letters) would be required from that Member addressed to the Presiding Officer to advise which office (or offices) he has chosen to cease to sit in, pursuant to Rule 4(3) of the Department Rules. The election to fill any vacancy arising in that way would be dealt with at a later Meeting. Rule 7(6) of the Department Rules applies in that instance.

Should any Member of the States be elected to the office of Minister of a Department when that person until that date has held office in the Public Accounts Committee or Scrutiny Committee then that person would no longer sit on that Committee. Rule 7(6) of the Department Rules also applies in that instance.

If the Chief Minister or any of the Ministers were to remain in or be re-elected to their current office, on consideration of Billets d'État VII, VIII and IX of 2007, then there would be no vacancy to be filled in that case and no consequential election(s) for States Departments or Committees.

It should be noted that Rule 1(4) of the Rules of Procedure of The States of Deliberation, under which this Billet d'État is being issued, means that the other parts of Rule 1 are not required to be fulfilled. Rule 1(1) states that, "A meeting of the States shall be convened by the Presiding Officer by means of a Billet d'État containing particulars of the matters to be debated thereat together with propositions designed to enable the States to take Resolutions thereon." The particulars of matters to be debated and propositions thereon may only be determined following the outcome of debate on Billets d'État VII, VIII and IX of 2007. The particulars and propositions will follow in any supplementary documents that I shall issue, as may be deemed necessary, at the earliest practicable time.

G. R. ROWLAND Bailiff and Presiding Officer

The Royal Court House Guernsey 13th February 2007

IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY ON THE 9TH DAY OF MARCH 2007

The States resolved as follows concerning Billet d'Etat No X dated 16th February 2007

CONSEQUENTIAL ELECTIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE STATES TO DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

HOME DEPARTMENT

MEMBER

I.- To elect Deputy Mrs J.M. Tasker as an ordinary member of the Home Department to complete the unexpired portion of the term of office of Deputy G H Mahy (who has been elected as Minister of that Department) to serve until May 2008 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENT

TWO MEMBERS

II.- To elect Deputies B.M. Flouquet and M.H. Dorey as ordinary members of the Social Security Department to complete the unexpired portions of the terms of office of Deputy G H Mahy (who has resigned from that office) and Deputy Mrs D E Lewis (who has been elected as Minister of that Department) to serve until May 2008 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

MEMBER

III.- To elect Deputy Mrs M.M. Lowe as an ordinary member of the Environment Department to complete the unexpired portion of the term of office of Deputy D de G De Lisle (who has been elected as Minister of that Department) to serve until May 2008 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TWO MEMBERS

IVA.- To elect Deputies A.H. Adam and B.L. Brehaut as ordinary members of the Scrutiny Committee to complete the unexpired portions of the terms of office of Mr R H Cox (who has ceased to be a Member of the States) and Deputy Mrs D E Lewis (who in accordance with Rule 4(3) of The Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees can no longer sit on the Scrutiny Committee) to serve until May 2008 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

PUBLIC SECTOR REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

MEMBER

V.- To elect Deputy Mrs S.J. Maindonald as an ordinary member of the Public Sector Remuneration Committee to complete the unexpired portion of the term of office of Deputy G H Mahy (who has resigned from that office) to serve until May 2008 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

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