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TO
**THE MEMBERS OF THE STATES
OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY**

I hereby give notice, pursuant to Rule 1 (4) of the Rules of Procedure, that a Meeting of the States of Deliberation will be held at **THE ROYAL COURT HOUSE**, on **WEDNESDAY**, the **26th March, 2014** at **9.30 a.m.**, to consider the items contained in this Billet d'État which have been submitted for debate.

R. J. COLLAS
Bailiff and Presiding Officer

The Royal Court House
Guernsey
14th March 2014

**HOME DEPARTMENT
ELECTION OF A MINISTER**

The States are asked:-

- I. To elect a sitting Member of the States as Minister of the Home Department to complete the unexpired portion of the term of office of Deputy Jonathan Paul Le Tocq, who has been elected to the office of Chief Minister, namely to serve until May 2016, in accordance with Rules 3(2) and 7 of the Rules relating to the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

ELECTION OF A DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER

The States are asked:-

- II. To elect a Minister as Deputy Chief Minister to complete the unexpired portion of the term of office of Deputy Jonathan Paul Le Tocq, who has been elected to the office of Chief Minister, namely to serve until May 2016, in accordance with Rules 3(2) and 7 of the Rules relating to the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

Paragraph 3(2) of the aforementioned Rules states:-

“The Chief Minister shall not sit on any States Department or States Committee other than the Emergency Powers Authority.”

Notwithstanding that Rule, on the 9th March 2012 the States resolved that the Chief Minister be Chairman of the States Review Committee and on the 26th September 2013 the States resolved that the Chief Minister be Chairman of the Constitutional Investigation Committee.

Paragraph 7(2) states:-

“If an office holder ceases to hold that office before the expiration of the term for which he was elected a successor shall be elected by the States to complete the unexpired portion of that term of office, ...”

Paragraph (1A) of Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation states: -

- (1A) (a) *The Chief Minister shall notify the Greffier not later than 4.00 p.m. on the day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays) preceding the meeting of the States convened for the election of Ministers ..., of –*
- (i) ...
- (ii) *the names of the candidates whom he intends to propose for the respective offices.*

- (b) *The Greffier shall forward the information referred to in (a) above to the Presiding Officer and, in electronic format, to every Member who has furnished him with an e-mail address.*

Paragraph (4) of Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation states: -

- (4) *On a proposition to elect a Minister or a Deputy Chief Minister:*
- (a) *the Presiding Officer*
- (i) *shall first invite the Chief Minister, and thereafter other Members, to propose eligible candidates. Nobody shall speak about a candidate at that stage;*
- (ii) *shall then invite each candidate (or the candidate if there is only one) to speak for not more than 5 minutes and thereafter, if there are two or more candidates:*
- (b) *allow Members to question the candidates, provided that*
- (1) (a) *in elections for the office of Minister, the question shall relate to areas of policy included in the mandates of the Policy Council or the department concerned;*
- (b) *in elections for the office of Deputy Chief Minister, the question shall relate to areas of policy included in the mandates of the Policy Council;*
- (2) *no Member may ask more than one question, save that if before the expiration of the period prescribed in sub-paragraph (6) there are no further questions, Members who have already asked a question may be permitted to ask further questions;*
- (3) *the questioner may not speak for more than 30 seconds;*
- (4) *each candidate shall be entitled to respond to each question, but no response shall exceed 1 minute;*
- (5) *candidates shall answer the first question in the order in which they are nominated and thereafter the order of answering the questions shall, after each question has been answered by the candidates, be rotated by moving the name of the candidate at the top of the list to the bottom of that list;*
- (6) *the session shall conclude at the expiration of the period calculated by multiplying 30 minutes by the number of candidates; and*
- (7) *no Member shall be entitled to speak other than in accordance with the provisions of this sub-paragraph.*