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The Assembly adjourned at 12.15 p.m.

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States of Deliberation

The States met at 9.30 a.m.

[THE BAILIFF *in the Chair*]

PRAYERS

The Deputy Greffier

EVOCATION

CONVOCATION

5 **The Deputy Greffier:** 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, 11th May 2012 at 9.30 a.m. to consider the items contained in Billet D'État No. X.

Billet d'État No. X

10 **Election of Members of Departments and Committees**
 Open vote amendment carried

15 **The Bailiff:** Members of the States, we have an amendment which I believe is being circulated, proposed by Deputy Lowe, seconded by Deputy Le Lièvre.
 I believe everybody has a copy; yes, that seems to be correct.
 Deputy Lowe, do you wish to propose the amendment.

20 **Deputy Lowe:** I do sir, but it will be a replica of what we had the last few days, where I ask you if it goes further than, and you answer me, saying 'Yes'. *(Laughter)*

The Bailiff: Yes.

Deputy Lowe: So, therefore, I would like the States to be able to debate this amendment, sir.

25 **The Bailiff:** Yes, well, you can propose the amendment, and then if anybody wishes to move under rule 13(6), they can do so after you have opened.

30 **Deputy Lowe:** Thank you, sir.
 I have very little to say. We have 'been there, done that' for the last two States meetings, where we went for an open vote. We went for the open vote for the Chief Minister, we went for an open vote for the Ministers and I believe we should just complete the picture and go for an open vote for the Members of Departments or Committees, sir.
 I ask the States to support the amendment:

35 *To insert between 'To' and 'elect':*

'amend with immediate and general effect, Rule 20(2)(a) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation by deleting " Deputy Chief Minister, Minister and Chairman" and substituting "Deputy Chief Minister, Minister, Chairman, Members of Departments and Members of Committees"; and thereafter to'.

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The Bailiff: Thank you.

Deputy Ogier is not rising: nobody else is wishing to invoke rule 13(6). Does anybody wish to debate the amendment?

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Actually, we need it formally seconded.

Deputy Le Lièvre, you formally second it.

Deputy Le Lièvre: I do, sir, and reserve the right to speak, although I do not think I will need to.

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The Bailiff: Okay. Does anyone else wish to speak?

Yes, Deputy St Pier.

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Deputy St Pier: Sir, several commentators have described this as being in the middle of the 'Sarnian Spring', (*Laughter*) with perhaps a touch of hyperbole but in commenting on Island politics since the General Election. Part of this genteel revolution has, of course, been shovelling our Rules of Procedure on a funeral pyre as fast as we can go.

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I did ask in relation to Deputy Bebb's amendment earlier in the week, whether it would be extended to departmental and committee elections, and if not, why not. I didn't get a response on Tuesday, but Deputy Lowe's amendment today quite clearly is the answer to that response. If we continue with the revolutionary analogy, the first brick out of the wall – out of our own Berlin Wall – came with the decision to open up the Chief Minister's election and abolish the secret ballot for that. Therefore, inevitably, we accepted the change to the Rules on Tuesday, and equally, sir, I would suggest we would inevitably accept them today as well.

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Deputy Trott described, several times, that sunlight is the best disinfectant. I certainly had at least one conversation as to why I didn't vote for somebody since the votes earlier in this process – completely open – and we will move on.

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Alderney Representative Arditti has described scrutiny as being the oxygen of good governance. Of course, he was using that in reference to scrutiny of Government by the Legislature but I think, equally, it applies to scrutiny of the legislature by the public. Therefore, having accepted the transparency by the admission of the secret ballots for the Chief Minister and the Ministers, I would suggest it is inevitable that we must also accept that we record *all* our votes on *all* propositions before this House. And we have a choice, we can either do that by *appel nominal* or by electronic voting and I would certainly say that, if the latter is rejected, then I give notice that I will be expecting the former in all cases.

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Now, Deputy Fallaize has indicated that he is not minded to reconsider electronic voting within SACC. I would suggest it is not needed; the work has already been done.

The Bailiff: Are we straying beyond the Billet before us, Deputy St Pier?

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Deputy St Pier: Possibly, but – (*Laughter*)

The Bailiff: If we are going to open up the debate on electronic voting, we may be here well into the – (*Laughter and interjections*)

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Deputy St Pier: I would say that the outcome of that is perhaps inevitable as part of the revolution of our 'Sarnian Spring'. I would certainly intend to bring a Requête on this at the earliest opportunity and hope that anybody who wishes to support that will indicate that to me.

In the meantime, I will certainly be supporting this amendment today and would encourage others to do the same.

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Thank you, sir.

The Bailiff: Is there anybody else?

Yes, Deputy Quin.

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Deputy Quin: Yes, sir.

Well I will draw Members attention to the short speech I made last Tuesday. The ballot box is

confidential and it should remain the same.

I will not be supporting this.

Thank You.

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The Bailiff: Deputy Ogier.

Deputy Ogier: Just to mention, sir, my agreement with Deputy Quin.

I will not be supporting this, as I think that secret ballots are one of the cornerstones of democracy and the freedom to vote according to your conscience.

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The Bailiff: Anybody else?

No? Deputy Lowe, do you wish to reply to the debate?

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Deputy Lowe: There is very little to add, sir, apart from the matter of the simultaneous electronic voting, which... I will not actually go down that road, other to say that I had already produced a letter asking States Members to sign at next week to direct SACC – if we have enough signatures – to get on and do it.

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The Bailiff: Thank you.

Well, we come, then, to the vote on the amendment. We go *au voix*.

Those in favour; those against.

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Some Members voted Pour, others voted Contre.

The Bailiff: I think we need a recorded vote.

The Deputy Greffier: Voting today commences with St Peter Port South.

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The Bailiff: Thank you.

Can I just remind people that they are voting for the amendment proposed by Deputy Lowe and seconded by Deputy Le Lièvre.

Just for the benefit of anybody listening at home, I will read the explanatory note:

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‘Rule 20(2)(a) provides that where in any election the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies voting shall be carried out by secret ballot. The effect of this amendment is that Members’ votes for Members of Departments and Committees will be made public after the Meeting at which the States have elected them.’

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So that is the amendment that you are now voting on.

There was a recorded vote.

Carried – Pour 26, Contre 21, Abstained 0, Not Present 0

	POUR	CONTRE	ABSTAINED	NOT PRESENT
140	Deputy Harwood	Deputy Brehaut	None	None
	Deputy Kuttelwascher	Deputy Langlois		
	Deputy Domaile	Deputy Gollop		
	Deputy Robert Jones	Deputy Sherbourne		
145	Deputy Le Clerc	Deputy Conder		
	Deputy Bebb	Deputy Storey		
	Deputy Lester Queripel	Deputy Gillson		
	Deputy St Pier	Deputy Le Pelley		
	Deputy Stewart	Deputy Ogier		
150	Deputy Trott	Deputy David Jones		
	Deputy Fallaize	Deputy Duquemin		
	Deputy Laurie Queripel	Deputy Dorey		
	Deputy Lowe	Deputy Paint		
	Deputy Le Lièvre	Deputy James		
155	Deputy Spruce	Deputy Adam		
	Deputy Collins	Deputy Brouard		
	Deputy Green	Deputy Wilkie		
	Deputy Le Tocq	Deputy Burford		
	Deputy Perrot	Deputy O'Hara		
160	Deputy De Lisle	Deputy Quin		
	Deputy Inglis	Alderney Rep. Kelly		
	Deputy Soulsby			
	Deputy Sillars			

Deputy Luxon
Deputy Hadley
Alderney Rep. Arditti

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The Bailiff: Members of the States, the result of the amendment proposed by Deputy Lowe and seconded by Deputy Le Lièvre is 26 votes in favour, 21 against. I declare it carried.

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And I see the Deputy Greffier already has voting slips available which he will hand around in due course.

Do you wish to hand them now, Deputy Greffier?

Voting slips were distributed to Members

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The Bailiff: Members of the States, I believe those have all been handed out now.

I remind you that the elections are governed by Rule 20(6), which is very similar to the Rule that we followed the other day, save that it is only the *proposers* who can speak in each case, not the candidates. They have five minutes to speak in respect of each candidate and, where a Minister is proposing four candidates, the way that I intend to interpret that – which I believe is consistent with my predecessors – is that the Minister will have 20 minutes, if he wishes, to speak. *(Laughter)* We will have a one minute warning bell – i.e. after 19 minutes *(Laughter)* if that is necessary, *(Laughter)* but, otherwise, as I say, the procedure is very similar to what we had the other day.

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Deputy O'Hara: Sorry, I wonder if I could crave your indulgence for just a second.

From a seconding point of view, where the Ministers have got four people, have they all got to be individually seconded? Or can we have one person to second all four?

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The Bailiff: Well, the Chief Minister has already indicated to me that he will be seconding all the nominations put forward by the Ministers, so he can do that collectively, and then, if there are any nominations from the floor, they will need to be seconded from the floor as they are proposed.

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Deputy Trott: Sir, on a point of order, it is customary for Members to rise when addressing the Chair. Let's not see standards drop too early on in this session.

Deputy O'Hara: As the Member can see, I have took to my feet... That's *clearly* what Deputy Trott is going to be like throughout the rest of the term!

I apologise very sincerely. Thank you, Mr Trott. *(Laughter)*

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The Bailiff: Right.

Deputy Trott: I am only here to maintain standards, sir. Nothing more! *(Laughter)*

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The Bailiff: Let us please move on.

Deputy Ogier: Everybody else is here to raise them, sir. *(Laughter and applause)*

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The Bailiff: Greffier, can you read the Article?

TREASURY AND RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Election of four Members Deputies Collins, Dorey, Kuttelwascher and Spruce elected

Article I.

The States are asked:

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To elect four sitting Members of the States as members of the Treasury and Resources Department to serve until May 2016 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

The Deputy Greffier: Article I, Treasury and Resources Department, election of four members.

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The Bailiff: Deputy St Pier, Minister for Treasury and Resources, to make the first nominations.

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Deputy St Pier: Sir, I will just wait until I am on my feet!

I wish to nominate Deputies Collins, Dorey, Kuttelwascher and Spruce, sir.

The Bailiff: Yes.

And Chief Minister.

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The Chief Minister: I am happy to second those nominations, all four.

The Bailiff: Thank you.

Do we have any nominations, any other nominations from the floor, or anywhere else?

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No? So we just have the four nominations then to be members of the Treasury and Resources Department and we will go straight to the vote.

I will just remind you who they are: Deputy Collins, Deputy Dorey, Deputy Kuttelwascher and Deputy Spruce. I put those four to you together.

Those in favour; those against.

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Members voted Pour.

The Bailiff: I declare those four elected.

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SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENT

Election of four Members

Deputies Gollop, Green, James and Le Clerc elected

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Article X.

The States are asked:

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To elect four sitting Members of the States as members of the Social Security Department to serve until May 2016 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

The Deputy Greffier: Article X, election of four members of the Social Security Department.

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The Bailiff: Deputy Langlois, Minister for the Social Security Department.

Deputy Langlois: Thank you, sir.

I wish to propose for the membership of the Social Security Department, Deputy Gollop, Deputy Green, Deputy James and Deputy Le Clerc.

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The Bailiff: Chief Minister, are you seconding?

Chief Minister: I wish to second the nominations of the Minister of the Social Security Department.

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The Bailiff: Thank you very much.

Do we have any other nominations?

No? I see no one rising. In that case, again we will go straight to the vote.

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I remind you that we had four nominations, Deputy Gollop, Deputy Green, Deputy James and Deputy Le Clerc, proposed by Minister Deputy Langlois and seconded by the Chief Minister, Deputy Harwood.

Those in favour; those against.

Members voted Pour.

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The Bailiff: I declare them elected.

COMMERCE AND EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

Election of four Members

Deputies Brouard, Laurie Queripel, Hadley and De Lisle elected

Article II.

The States are asked:

To elect four sitting Members of the States as members of the Commerce and Employment Department to serve until May 2016 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

The Deputy Greffier: Article II, election of four members of the Commerce and Employment Department.

The Bailiff: Deputy Stewart, Minister of Commerce and Employment Department.

Deputy Stewart: Sir, I would like to propose Deputy Brouard, Deputy Laurie Queripel, Deputy Hadley and Deputy De Lisle.

Thank you, sir

The Chief Minister: I am happy to second the nominations of the Minister for the Commerce and Employment Department.

The Bailiff: Thank you, Chief Minister.

Do we have any other nominations?

No? In that case, I remind you that we have four nominations, Deputy Brouard, Deputy Laurie Queripel, Deputy Hadley and Deputy De Lisle, proposed by Minister Deputy Stewart and seconded by the Chief Minister Deputy Harwood.

Those in favour; those against.

Members voted Pour.

The Bailiff: I declare them elected.

HOME DEPARTMENT

Election of four Members

Deputies Le Clerc, Quin, Wilkie and Alderney Representative Kelly elected

Article VII.

The States are asked:

To elect four sitting Members of the States as members of the Home Department to serve until May 2016 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

The Deputy Greffier: Article VII, election of four members of the Home Department.

The Bailiff: I call on the Minister, Deputy Le Tocq,

Deputy Le Tocq: Sir, I rise to nominate Deputy Francis Quin, Deputy Michelle Le Clerc, Alderney Representative Boyd Kelly and Deputy Arrun Wilkie.

Chief Minister: I have pleasure in seconding the nominations of the Minister for the Home Department.

The Bailiff: Thank you, Chief Minister.

Yes, Deputy Ogier,

350 **Deputy Ogier:** I would like to nominate Deputy Mary Lowe.

The Bailiff: Deputy Mary Lowe.

Thank you. Do we have a seconder for Deputy Mary Lowe?

355 **Deputy Brehaut:** Yes, sir, I second that nomination.

The Bailiff: Deputy Brehaut, thank you.

Do we have any other nominations?

No? In that case, we have five candidates, Deputies Quin, Le Clerc, and Wilkie, and Alderney Representative Kelly, proposed by the Minister Deputy Le Tocq and seconded by the Chief Minister Deputy Harwood; and Deputy Lowe, proposed by Deputy Ogier and seconded by Deputy Brehaut.

Deputy Le Tocq, then, to speak on behalf of your four nominees.

365 **Deputy Le Tocq:** Sir, Deputy Francis Quin: what can I say about Deputy Francis Quin? His experience in terms of the wide gamut of the Home Department's mandate goes way back to Home Affairs Committee days. As a result, it is vital that we maintain in these changing times his breadth and depth of working knowledge, policy development, historical relationship with the Department's objectives, working practices and not least the staff.

370 I am reliably informed that Deputy Quin has matured and mellowed over the 12 years that he has served at board level. Deputy Quin apprised me of that fact himself! *(Laughter)*

Seriously, though, I have been impressed by the variety and quantity of commendations I received from both within and without, extolling Deputy Quin's dedication, sincerity and diligence to the work of the Home Department. Also I am personally conscious that my dual responsibility as Deputy Chief Minister may require me, from time to time, to rely more than usual upon my board and Deputy Minister. And whilst this is not the environment for electing Deputy Ministers, Deputy Quin has ably served in this capacity for years. And thus his experience in this regard will serve us all admirably, even as a senior member of the board.

380 I do not need to rehearse his qualifications, nor mention his gun licence, suffice to say that Deputy Quin's high ideals of justice, law and order, and desire for Guernsey to continue to enjoy a safe and peaceful society, are legend.

385 Deputy Michelle Le Clerc: a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers Association and an Honours Degree in Financial Services, she is Chair of the Education Sub-Committee of the Association of Guernsey Banks; member of the Jersey Bankers Association, which provides her direct contacts to politicians and business people in Jersey already; she is a member of the Institute of Directors and has completed the Institute of Directors' certificate and diploma in Company Direction. This has given her experience of working with teams and on various committees. She has also represented the IOD on a skills strategy working party and would like to refresh the Home Departments earlier involvement in this initiative.

390 Deputy Le Clerc has an advanced certificate in marketing practice; she has lead marketing teams and national campaigns at Investec and Woolwich Guernsey. Skills obtained here, I believe, provide her with the confidence to speak to external agencies, which is of vital use to the Department but will also assist us in dealing with the media and the public at large as we seek to go forward and service provisions may have to change. Her 30 years' experience in the finance industry, the majority within the banking sector, covering a variety of different responsibilities, including regulation, has therefore meant she has had first-hand dealing with many relevant areas, such as data protection, emergency response planning and gambling, risks of doing business and granting licences, as well as the combat of financial crime and terrorist financing.

400 I am proud to say, as well as sad to say, she is probably one of the few people outside of the GFSC to actually understand the Financial Action Task Force. She is also familiar with the process of submitting suspicious transaction reports. So her awareness of the potential and sophistication of financial fraud will assist in liaising with Guernsey regulated business and the Home Department's involvement in pragmatic working relationships. Her many years fostering means also she is well aware of the challenges that face our young people that were not fortunate enough to have been brought up in a loving and caring family environment. She has witnessed the effects of domestic abuse and the damaging effects it has on family life. This experience and understanding of the disadvantaged and vulnerable in our community, dealing with social workers and support infrastructure, means Deputy Le Clerc brings a well-rounded skill set to the Home

Department.

Guernsey is increasingly becoming a multi-cultured society: Deputy Le Clerc lived in Leicester for nine years and, therefore, understands many of the social issues that this can bring with it. As a Deputy also for St Peter Port North, she brings awareness of the issues of relative poverty of some households and can see how this can easily lead many in our community down the wrong path in life. She believes it is important to build on community-based policing, and was pleased to see community centres in the new social housing developments in the Town area. I believe the combined attributes of her business background, together with her understanding of the social issues facing many in our community, will prove that Deputy Le Clerc will be a very versatile member of the Home Department.

Alderney Representative Boyd Kelly is a married man with two adult children, and has lived in the Bailiwick for the last 13 years. For the majority of his working life he has served as a police officer in the West Midlands Police Force, serving in both uniform and CID throughout the region and gaining experience in a wide range of areas, from major crime investigations, policing large public events, and managing public sector personnel. His last operational role was that of Detective Inspector in the Force's Professional Standards Department. He retired from the Force in 1997. He then moved to Alderney in 1999 and became the first employee of the Gambling Control Commission, as its Inspector, carrying out due diligence on applicants and operations.

Following his move to Guernsey he was employed by the Financial Services Commission in the Fiduciary Divisions Intelligence and Enforcement Unit. In 2002 his family returned to Alderney and Representative Kelly entered the States in 2008, where he currently serves as a Member of the Policy and Finance Committee, with direct responsibilities for Home Department Police Liaison, a Member of Employment Legislation and Constitutional Advisory Group, the Marina Advisory Group, a Board Member of the St John's Ambulance Alderney Division, the St Anne's School Management Committee and he is also the States-nominated director of Alderney Electricity Company. He is also a Member of the General Services Committee, with direct responsibilities for civil emergency working party, fire brigade and cliff rescue. He was elected in 2011 on the Home Department following the resignation of one other Member and has found the role both stimulating and productive.

I believe his experience, training and qualifications have assisted colleagues in the past and, hopefully, in the future, both at elected and officer level and it seems very wise that Representative Kelly should continue to serve on our board.

Deputy Arrun Wilkie is still in his 30s and was educated locally at the Vale, Notre Dame and St Peter Port Schools before going on to train as an apprentice at the Guernsey College of Further Education, obtaining qualifications in plumbing and heating engineering. He spent his early working life working for and serving out his apprenticeship with a well known local plumbing firm, before eventually going on to establish a successful business partnership which he sold several years ago in order to invest in the set-up of his own company specialising in domestic and commercial renewable energy solutions, a firm which he still runs today. He also spent several years in the 90s working for the Le Riches Group, rising to store management level, where he was noted for his efficiencies through cutting waste, at the same time as maximising productivity along with excellent people management skills. He has a proven track record for getting the best out of staff as a manager and employer, and for working well with others in team settings.

Deputy Wilkie is a confident interpersonal communicator and has demonstrated this at community level through serving as a popular Parish Constable and now, currently, as a Douzenier. He has chaired Parish Property Boards and been involved in School Management Committees which, together with his construction background, will help add specific skills for the Departments needs for serious property rationalisation and savings.

Deputy Wilkie's down-to-earth people-sensitive approach, along with an obvious strong connection with the western parishes, helps balance our team representatively and complimentarily. I encourage this Assembly to vote for these four.

Thank you, sir.

The Bailiff: Thank you.

Deputy Ogier to speak on behalf of Deputy Lowe.

Deputy Ogier: Thank you, sir.

Mr Bailiff, Members, I have great pleasure in putting the name forward of Deputy Lowe for a seat on the Home Department.

This would not be the first time she has run for the Home Department: she has had an interest in the Department for a number of Assemblies, but she has always managed to be busy elsewhere.

Deputy Lowe is very keen to serve on Home and has been for years. She has run for it three times, the last time being pipped by one vote. Deputy Lowe has a keen interest in several areas of the Home Department mandate and I will highlight a few for you.

Deputy Lowe is keen on restorative justice, but goes a step further to restorative financial justice. She believes that not only should the person or persons responsible be fined but an order made against them to either clean up the mess or pay for the costs involved to put the damage right, a sentiment shared by many when she was on the election trail and something that she intends to pursue.

She has experience in many aspects of the Department's mandate. She was vice-President of the Gambling Committee before the machinery of government changes and she has knowledge of the gambling laws. She often attended meetings in Jersey, and was the official representative at the Channel Islands Lottery and, before the machinery of government changes, Deputy Lowe also met with Camelot in Guernsey to discuss the National Lottery coming here.

She is Chairman of the Guernsey Women's Refuge and was involved in the formation of that service, which gives her an excellent working knowledge of domestic abuse. The Guernsey Refuge now has 14 years of experience and knowledge from working with women suffering domestic abuse. It has contributed as a lead player for the domestic abuse strategy and they also work very closely with the police.

Having Deputy Lowe in-house, so to speak, would be a great asset, bearing in mind the latest police statistics show an alarming increase in domestic abuse cases. Her position on the Home Department would be of great benefit to try and address this unacceptable social problem, and her experience would dovetail well with the mandate of the Home Department. The prison policies are another area of work which she is keen to be involved with by looking at enhancing the existing policies when prisoners are due for release, and tying them into Social Security, where she has served for years as a board member and Minister.

Deputy Lowe has not been nominated for any other Department or Committee. This Assembly has had quite a turnover of Members and we absolutely cannot have the last of the Conseillers dawdling on the back benches without her experience and knowledge being put to good use by this Assembly. She has fresh ideas and a desire to be on the Home Department. She has 18 years under her belt: she has been a President, Chairperson, vice-Chairperson, Minister, she has been everything under the sun – and this Assembly is not going to give her a job, while others on Home have two or three positions? That is just not right.

We have to use Deputy Lowe, and I suggest we put her where she wants to go and that is on the Home Department. I ask Members to vote for Deputy Lowe. I would say 'and bring fresh blood' into this Department but there is plenty of that already on Home so, for me, she represents a form of continuity, as she has been involved with parts of their mandate already and is the longest serving member of this Assembly, with years of experience and knowledge.

I ask this Assembly to vote Deputy Lowe on to the Home Department.

The Bailiff: Thank you.

Well, members of the States, we now come to the vote.

I remind you there are five candidates and you may vote for four. The five candidates are Deputies Quin, Le Clerc and Wilkie, and Alderney Representative Kelly, who are all proposed by Deputy Le Tocq, seconded by Deputy Harwood; and Deputy Lowe proposed by Deputy Ogier, seconded by Deputy Brehaut.

A ballot took place.

The Bailiff: The numbers of the votes will now be counted, I suggest that we pause before we move on with the next set of elections and get the result of this election before we move on, so we are making good progress.

There was a fifteen-minute recess to count the votes.

The Bailiff: Members of the States, I now have the result of the vote for four members of the Home Department. They are as follows; Deputy Le Clerc 37 votes, Alderney Representative Kelly 37 votes, Deputy Quin 35 votes, Deputy Wilkie 33 votes, Deputy Lowe 25 votes and there was one spoiled paper.

So I declare Deputy Le Clerc, Alderney Representative Kelly, Deputy Quin and Deputy Wilkie elected.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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Election of four Members
Deputies Conder, Green, Le Lièvre and Sherbourne elected

Article IV.

The States are asked:

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To elect four sitting Members of the States as members of the Education Department to serve until May 2016 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

The Deputy Greffier: Article IV, election of four members of the Education Department.

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The Bailiff: Yes. Deputy Sillars.

Deputy Sillars: I would like to propose Deputy Conder, Deputy Green, Deputy Le Lièvre, and Deputy Sherbourne.

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The Chief Minister: I move to second the nominations of the Minister of the Education Department.

The Bailiff: Thank you, Chief Minister.

Do we have any other nominations?

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No? Well, then, we have four candidates; Deputy Conder, Deputy Green, Deputy Le Lièvre, and Deputy Sherbourne proposed by the Minister, seconded by the Chief Minister, Those in favour; those against.

Members voted Pour.

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The Bailiff: I declare them elected.

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PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Election of four Members
Deputies Ogier, Burford, Duquemin and Robert Jones elected

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Article IX.

The States are asked:

To elect four sitting Members of the States as members of the Public Services Department to serve until May 2016 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

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The Deputy Greffier: Article IX, election of four members of the Public Services Department.

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The Bailiff: Yes, and I call on Deputy Luxon, the minister, to propose his candidates.

Deputy Luxon: Sir, firstly, may I thank the Assembly for their support for my candidature for the PSD Minister on Tuesday. I appreciate your commitment. Thank you.

I would like to nominate Deputy Scott Ogier, Deputy Yvonne Burford, Deputy Darren Duquemin and Deputy Rob Jones for the Public Services Department.

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The Chief Minister: I move to second the nominations of the Minister of Public Services.

The Bailiff: Thank you, Deputy Harwood.

Do we have any other nomination?

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No? Well, then, we have four candidates for the four places; Deputy Ogier, Deputy Burford,

Deputy Duquemin Deputy Robert Jones, proposed by the Minister and seconded by the Chief Minister.

Those in favour; those against.

595 *Members voted Pour.*

The Bailiff: I declare them elected.

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Election of four Members

Deputies Inglis, Bebb, Wilkie and Brehaut elected

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Article VI.

The States are asked:

610 *To elect four sitting Members of the States as members of the Health and Social Services Department to serve until May 2016 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.*

The Deputy Greffier: Article VI, election of four members of the Health and Social Services Department.

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The Bailiff: Deputy Adam.

Deputy Adam: Thank you, sir.

I would like to thank all those who came along to my 'inquisition' on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. I fully appreciate the support you have shown.

620 I would like to nominate the following; Deputy David Inglis, Deputy Elis Bebb, Deputy Arrun Wilkie and Deputy Barry Brehaut.

The Chief Minister: Sir, I move to second the nominations of the Minister of the Health and Social Services Department.

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The Bailiff: Thank you, Chief Minister.

Any other candidates?

No? Well, then, we have four candidates for four places; Deputy Inglis, Deputy Bebb, Deputy Wilkie and Deputy Brehaut, proposed by the Minister, Deputy Adam, seconded by the Chief Minister.

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Those in favour; those against.

Members voted Pour.

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The Bailiff: I declare them elected.

ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

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Election of four Members

Deputies Brehaut, Burford, Paint and Spruce elected

Article V.

645 *The States are asked:*

To elect four sitting Members of the States as members of the Environment Department to serve until May 2016 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

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The Deputy Greffier: Article V, election of four members of the Environment Department.

The Bailiff: Deputy Domaille, Minister for Environment.

655 **Deputy Domaille:** Thank you, sir.
I am pleased to nominate, in alphabetical order: Deputy Brehaut, Deputy Burford, Deputy Paint and Deputy Spruce.
Thank you, sir.

660 **The Chief Minister:** Sir, I move to second the nominations of the Minister of the Environment Department.

The Bailiff: Thank you, and do we have any other nominations?
No? Well, again, four candidates for four posts; Deputy Brehaut, Deputy Burford, Deputy Paint and Deputy Spruce, proposed by the Minister, Deputy Domaille, seconded by the Chief Minister.
665 Those in favour; those against.

Members voted Pour.

670 **The Bailiff:** I declare them elected.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

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Election of four Members Deputies Hadley, Le Pelley, Storey and Paint elected

*Article VIII.
The States are asked:
To elect four sitting Members of the States as members of the Housing Department to serve until May 2016 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.*

685 **The Deputy Greffier:** Article VIII, election of four members of the Housing Department.

The Bailiff: Deputy David Jones.

Deputy David Jones: Thank you, Mr Bailiff, Members of States.
690 In no particular order, I would like to nominate Deputy Hadley, Deputy Le Pelley, Deputy Storey and Deputy Paint.
Thank you.

695 **The Chief Minister:** I move to second the nominations of the Minister of the Housing Department.

The Bailiff: Thank you, Chief Minister.
Any other candidates?
No? Well, again, four for four posts; Deputy Hadley, Deputy Le Pelley, Deputy Storey and Deputy Paint, proposed by the Minister, Deputy David Jones, seconded by Deputy Harwood.
700 Those in favour; those against.

Members voted Pour.

705 **The Bailiff:** I declare them elected.

CULTURE AND LEISURE DEPARTMENT

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Election of four Members Voting commenced

- 715 *Article III.*
The States are asked:
To elect four sitting Members of the States as members of the Culture and Leisure Department to serve until May 2016 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.
- 720 **The Deputy Greffier:** Article III, election of four members of the Culture and Leisure Department.
- The Bailiff:** Deputy O'Hara.
- 725 **Deputy O'Hara:** Thank you, sir.
I have pleasure in proposing Deputy Francis Quin, Deputy Darren Duquemin, Deputy David Inglis and Deputy Paul Le Pelley.
Thank you.
- 730 **The Bailiff:** Do we have any... oh, sorry, Chief Minister, yes?
- The Chief Minister:** I move to second the nominations of the Minister of the Culture and Leisure Department.
- 735 **The Bailiff:** Thank you very much.
Deputy Ogier.
- Deputy Ogier:** I would like to nominate the name of Deputy Lowe, sir.
- 740 **The Bailiff:** Deputy Lowe? Thank you.
Do we have a seconder for Deputy Lowe?
- Deputy Brehaut:** I second Deputy Lowe.
- 745 **The Bailiff:** Yes, Deputy Brehaut, thank you.
Any other? Yes, Deputy Gollop.
- Deputy Gollop:** Yes, I would like to nominate the name of Deputy Lester Queripel.
- 750 **The Bailiff:** Deputy Lester Queripel, thank you very much.
That is proposed by Deputy Gollop and seconded by...
- Deputy Laurie Queripel:** I'll second that, sir.
- 755 **The Bailiff:** Yes, Deputy Laurie Queripel, thank you.
Any other candidates?
No? So we have six, then, for four posts: Deputies Quin, Duquemin, Inglis and Le Pelley proposed by Deputy O'Hara, seconded by Deputy Harwood; Deputy Lowe, proposed by Deputy Ogier, seconded by Deputy Brehaut; and Deputy Lester Queripel, proposed by Deputy Gollop and seconded by Deputy Laurie Queripel.
- 760 Deputy O' Hara.
- Deputy O'Hara:** Thank you, sir.
I have selected a team which will not only carry out the present strategies of the Culture and Leisure Department, but would also be able to positively assist in the new initiatives planned for next term.
- 765 I have kept my speech to a minimum but I would like to crave your indulgence, if I can, by explaining the reasons why they would fit into the Department's plans and, rather than spend five minutes on each Deputy, I offer the following which encompasses all candidates, in no particular order.
- 770 Firstly, Deputy Francis Quin: Deputy Quin joined the States in 2000 and has had vast experience in various Committees and Departments. He sat as a non-States member on the Recreation Committee and also as a member of the Liberation Day Committee, where he has kept

a presence ever since. He joined the Culture and Leisure Department in 2008 and has been a very active member, with lead responsibilities for the Lottery and the Sports Commission. He has also had input into the activities of Beau Séjour. He has a wealth of experience in sporting events and has competed in several Island Games and has shot at *four* Commonwealth Games. He was the board's representative on the Sports Commission.

In the last term he also sat on the Home Department and formed important links between the Departments which are so necessary when planning large events, such as Liberation Days. Members will recall the initiative to create alcohol free zones for Liberation Day and that was a result of Deputy Quin's involvement. I hope he will retain his position on Home Department – which I believe he has now – and to strengthen these links with Culture and Leisure. Deputy Quin was invaluable as a member during the last term and he will provide important continuity to the board.

My next choice is Deputy Darren Duquemin: Deputy Duquemin is well known for his contribution to sport, through his media and marketing career over the last 20 years. During this period he has encouraged businesses to invest thousands of pounds into the grass roots of sport and many other events. He created the successful Channel Islands Sporting Personality of the Year awards, and was the driving force behind transforming Footes Lane into a five thousand all-seater stadium complete with big screen for the centenary celebrations of the Muratti. He was a media director of the Island Games in 2003, and was behind the staging of Midsummer Magic screen movie nights by the beach. This creative thinking is exactly what the Department is seeking for in its plans over the next four years. He will play a major role in the Department's events group, which provides a major tool for tourism.

Among the priorities for the Board would be to strengthen its links with Commerce and Employment and rekindle the joint marketing group which was so successful during 2004 – 2008. He will be ideally suited to take part in this group. Also, I have already worked with Deputy Duquemin on previous projects concerned with Culture and Leisure, and I know he will be able to develop new ideas and approaches to our present strategies. He has a dynamic, visionary approach to all he gets involved with.

My next choice is Deputy David Inglis: Deputy Inglis first contacted me to say that he was thinking of standing for the States and asked *then*, quite a while back, about the activities of the Culture and Leisure Department. He followed this up with a discussion with my Chief Officer. That was some nine months ago so, clearly, he has a passion to join the Department. He has a great interest in the Island's unique culture, heritage, plus the arts. He has sound involvement in the community through his service on the Douzaine, where he is presently serving as a Douzenier, having served the previous posts of Procureur and Constable. The Department has constant contact with the Douzaines on many matters, which will make his experience invaluable.

He was Chairman of Guernsey Young Enterprise for three years, following 10 years as adviser and served as past Chairman of Postwatch Guernsey and past President of the Bowmen of Guernsey. He is a member of the CGI Management Board and the current Chairman of the Guernsey Island Games Association, being involved over the last seven years.

He is also a member of the La Société Guernesiaise. He is experienced at seeking corporate sponsorship and community-based schemes and that is very, very important to the Department. He wants to ensure – quite important – that the Island's leisure, arts and sports facilities have a constant focus to ensure that the youth of our Island fly the flag to all corners of the world. Importantly, he also recognises the value of the financial transformation programme and will be able to assist in seeking to develop improved value for money in Departmental spending. There is no doubt in my mind that Deputy Inglis possesses all the qualities needed to make an excellent member of the Department.

Well, Members, my final choice is Deputy Paul Le Pelley: Deputy Paul Le Pelley also has strong Parish links, serving on St. Sampson's Douzaine, from Procureur through to Douzenier. He is presently serving as Constable. The revitalisation of Delancey Park is one of the initiatives planned for this next term, and his position on the St. Sampson's Douzaine will provide the vital link that will be essential for the planning processes that will follow. He has firm connections with the National Trust of Guernsey, and was Curator of the Folk and Costume Museum from 2005 – 2012.

His history and interest in the Island's heritage is without question and he would play a major part in the display of the *Asterix* Roman wreck, which is one of our major projects this term. He has also served on other community based organisations such as the West Show Committee and the Guernsey Eisteddfod, two of which organisations we are constantly involved with.

Importantly, Deputy Le Pelley is an ex-teacher with vast experience in youth service plus the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The Department already has representation at youth service

level but will be looking to increase and strengthen this to promote our Island heritage within our younger and teenage population. His experience is ideally suited to promote this initiative. He is also a silver accredited guide and took a leading part in forming the Bailiwick of Guernsey Guild of Accredited Guides, where he is still engaged in the training of guides to silver accreditation.

He is a grade three FA referee and has gained several coaching and teaching certificates in hockey, cricket and volleyball. Deputy Le Pelley will be, without doubt, a great asset to the Culture and Leisure Department.

Members, I hope these candidates will illustrate to you the immense experience that they all have and how they will be able to provide a very sound balance to enable the Department to fulfil its aims and legacies for the next four years and beyond.

Thank you.

The Bailiff: Deputy Ogier will speak in respect of Deputy Lowe.

Deputy Ogier: Thank you, sir.

Members, although Deputy Lowe does not participate in sport these days, (*Laughter*) apart from the States Members cricket team against Jersey – and she reminds us often of how her winning run won us the trophy so many, many years ago. (*Laughter*) What I mean is that was the last time we won the trophy! You will find Deputy Lowe at numerous sporting events, supporting and encouraging those participating.

Two weeks ago there was an appeal for volunteers to fork the waterlogged pitch at Footes Lane so Guernsey Football Club could play their match and, nearly three hours later, with blisters on her hands, that job was done. And apart from watching Guernsey football and only missing one local match all season, she also attends many other football matches, the Upton, the FA Cup Final and, occasionally, local league football matches, three in the UK this winter and, this week, the Muratti in Jersey. She is a very keen sporting observer.

When it comes to motor racing, she's there too, and with Guernsey having a reasonable choice when it comes to motorsports you will see her at the hill climbs, karting, motorbike scrambles, or the occasional circuit racing in the UK, including Formula 1 Grand Prix.

Owing to States' work, Deputy Lowe had to give up teaching swimming at Beau Séjour but, before doing so, she taught many to swim, from toddlers to pensioners. During that time, with a friend, she set up the La Mare de Carteret Swimming Club and, in doing so, she had great encouragement and backing from the Education Department and both heads at the Mare de Carteret School. She wanted to give back to the community by using her skills to help as many to be safe and able to swim, living on an Island surrounded by water and the Mare De Carteret was a very successful club with great results, seeing many learning to swim.

And for the art and museum area of Culture and Leisure, she is often told that it is good to see a States' Member regularly attend so many concerts, plays and exhibitions, whether they are at St James, Beau Séjour, Castle Cornet or the museums. She is a very, very keen attender and has a very keen attendance record and a desire to follow these items through. The arts appear to be very much the Cinderella of Culture and Leisure in some ways and new ideas, I think, in some areas are needed. I suggest Deputy Lowe would be able to drive these forward, whether it is involving the schools more, encouraging children when they are young, or those not so young, that they have a lot to offer.

I believe Culture and Leisure would benefit from having Deputy Lowe, and I ask this Assembly to place Mary Lowe onto the other Department she was looking forward to serving on, and please bear in mind the workload of the Deputies, as there is little point in having an under-used Deputy of her calibre while other members are overworked.

Please support my nomination.

Thank you.

The Bailiff: Now Deputy Gollop will speak in respect of Deputy Lester Queripel.
Deputy Gollop.

Deputy Gollop: Yes, thank you, sir.

We have already heard that, in the perception of some, Arts are the Cinderella of Culture and Leisure. Having spent four enjoyable years on the Committee, that is a *perception*, but in fact, of course, the Department does do a lot of work in the arts involving Beau Séjour and the Arts Commission.

My candidate, Deputy Lester Queripel, is currently a Committee Member of the quango of the Arts Commission but I will understand that he will have to relinquish that position because of

becoming a politician. Therefore, it is all the more important that he becomes a leading player in the States of Guernsey, sitting on the board of Culture and Leisure, because I think the team for the future needs to be balanced between those who bring expertise of events, marketing, sport and museums and arts – and we have seen a pattern in the new House of selecting round pegs for round holes; lawyers where lawyers work, accountants where accountants work, doctors where doctors work.

Deputy Queripel is, fundamentally, a creative professional. He is an artist. He works as a painter and decorator but he also has his own sound recording business and, of course, worked for a leading chain of record distributors in the past. He is a publisher, he has written books of poetry, 50 of the best... poems about life, politics, himself – he's even written poems about our election, I gather. He is a professional in the arts. He does a lot of broadcasting, he has regularly chatted about poetry events and the music scene with John Randall, Jenny Kendall-Tobias on the BBC and he is a St Peter Port Douzenier.

Currently, the list of candidates for Culture and Leisure does not include a St Peter Port Douzenier or Deputy, and as St Peter Port is the jewel in our crown and is the focal point of *most* of the leading arts events, I think it is important you bring a town Deputy on board, especially one who has revitalised venues, from Fermain Tavern to The Market, where a lot of events occurred last year. Indeed, he was one of the leading figures in the successful Potato Pie and Literary Festival based on that classic book and indeed prominently put in his manifesto his support for the, hopefully forthcoming, Kate Winslet film, and, indeed, the creative arts as an industry generally. He would wish to work on the film side of things.

His vision – and he is a visionary – would include sponsoring arts and sports and leisure tourism, strengthening our local identity, as an Island, through the arts and also seeing the arts as a leading source of part-time and full-time career vocations and jobs. He also has a great interest in training and re-training.

So I think he is an excellent candidate, he brings a lot to the table, he will also ask questions, he will bring forth a different point of view and contribute enormously to the ongoing work of the Department. He is also a dedicated attender of events and will give much morale boosting to all concerned.

The Bailiff: Members, you now have to elect four members of the Culture and Leisure Department – four members.

There are six candidates: Deputy Quin, Deputy Duquemin, Deputy Inglis and Deputy Le Pelley, and they are all proposed by the Minister, Deputy O'Hara, seconded by Deputy Harwood; Deputy Lowe, proposed by Deputy Ogier, seconded by Deputy Brehaut; and Deputy Lester Queripel, proposed by Deputy Gollop and seconded by Deputy Laurie Queripel.

A ballot took place.

The Bailiff: Can I just ask Members to stay a moment before...

Thank you. We will wait until the ballot slips have gone off to be counted, then I think Deputy Fallaize wishes to propose a change to the order in which the Committees... Well, we'll deal with that in a minute, Deputy Fallaize, when the voting slips have been placed in the envelope and taken off to be counted.

There was a brief pause.

Procedural motion

Alteration to order of electing Committee members

The Bailiff: I understand Deputy Fallaize wishes to propose that the order in which Committee members are elected should be different from that that was in the Agenda circulated to you. Deputy Fallaize.

Deputy Fallaize: Yes, thank you, sir.

Yeah, on behalf of all of the Chairmen of the Parliamentary Committees, I am requesting that, instead of taking it in the order as published and in the order that it was taken on Tuesday, that we re-arrange the order, as follows; we take the States Assembly and Constitution Committee first, followed by the Scrutiny Committee, the Legislation Select Committee and the Public Accounts

Committee.

It would be very helpful to all of the Chairmen of those Committees if we could take them in that order, please sir.

The Bailiff: Thank you – well, as this is purely a procedural motion there will not be any debate on it.

I put to you the proposition that the order in which Members of the Committees are to be elected be the States Assembly and Constitution Committee first, followed by the Scrutiny Committee, then the Legislation Select Committee and, finally, the Public Accounts Committee.

Those in favour; those against.

Members voted Pour.

The Bailiff: I declare that carried. Thank you.

CULTURE AND LEISURE DEPARTMENT

Election of four Members Deputies Duquemin, Inglis, Quin and Le Pelley elected

The Bailiff: Now, if Members wish to leave the Chamber they may do so

There was a twelve-minute recess to count the votes.

The Bailiff: Well, Members of the States, I have the results of the election of four members of the Culture and Leisure Department and the votes are as follows; Deputy Duquemin 43 votes, Deputy Inglis 35 votes, Deputy Quin 33, Deputy Le Pelley 29 votes, Deputy Lowe 19 votes and Deputy Lester Queripel 15 votes.

So I declare the following elected; Deputies Duquemin, Inglis, Quin and Le Pelley.

STATES ASSEMBLY AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Election of four Members Deputies Conder, Dorey, Gillson and Bebb elected

Article XIV.

The States are asked:

To elect four sitting Members of the States as members of the States Assembly and Constitution Committee to serve until May 2016 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

The Deputy Greffier: Article XIV, the election of four members of the States Assembly and Constitution Committee.

The Bailiff: Deputy Fallaize, Chairman of the States Assembly and Constitution Committee.

Deputy Fallaize: Thank you, sir, and I thank the States for allowing the order of the Parliamentary Committees elections to be amended slightly.

My nominations, in alphabetical order, are Deputy Elis Bebb, Deputy Richard Conder, Deputy Mark Dorey and Deputy Peter Gillson.

The Bailiff: Thank you, do we have a seconder for those four?

Alderney Representative Arditti: Sir, I would like to second those formally.

The Bailiff: Alderney Representative Arditti, thank you.
Do we have any other candidates? Yes Deputy Ogier.

1020 **Deputy Ogier:** I would like to put forward the name of Deputy Lowe, sir.

The Bailiff: Thank you.
And do we have a seconder?

1025 **Deputy Le Pelley:** I'll second that.

The Bailiff: Thank you, Deputy Le Pelley.
Anyone else?

1030 No? In that case, there are five candidates; Deputies Bebb, Conder, Dorey and Gillson, proposed by the Chairman of the Committee, Deputy Fallaize, and seconded by Alderney Representative Arditti; and Deputy Lowe, proposed by Deputy Ogier and seconded by Deputy Le Pelley.

Deputy Fallaize to speak first.

1035 **Deputy Fallaize:** Thank you, sir.

Now I consider that I have been very fortunate: the first four Members I approached all agreed to be nominated and I am able to put before the States what I consider to be four very capable and committed Members who, together, I am certain will form a constructive and balanced committee to serve the Assembly.

1040 As I say my nominations are Deputies Bebb, Conder, Dorey and Gillson. I am proposing not four individuals, but one – if it is the right term – ‘slate’ of candidates and I will, therefore, as far as possible, speak about my candidates together.

1045 Sir, I believe that it is in the interests not only of the Committee itself but of the whole States that, in this term, the States Assembly and Constitution Committee should be concerned with improving its status and credibility alongside that of its sister parliamentary committees. But that will remain elusive in the absence of a strong, capable team of people to run the Committee.

1050 I am asking colleagues to trust that the four Members I am putting before the Assembly today, if they are allowed to work together, will deliver a more credible, stable and focused Committee. The five members of SACC will represent, from left to right, virtually the complete cross section of political opinion in the States – two of my four nominees are newly elected Members and there are two Members who have served previously in the States. Also, I hope it reassures the States that I am proposing Members who, between them, represent the full range of views on matters which are germane to the Committee's mandate, and perhaps of particular interest to some sections of the House and the public.

1055 For example, some of the Members I am putting forward are enthusiasts for Island-wide voting, some might best be described as Island-wide voting sceptics... Among the membership I am proposing there is on, the one hand, support for electronic voting in the States, and on the other hand opposition to it. There is represented the view that there needs to be quite radical change to the procedures and governance of the States, and there is also represented a more restrained conservative view of the case for reform, but none of the Members I am proposing are intransigent about any of those matters.

1060 So I want, and I believe the States needs, a SACC with an open-minded pluralist membership which broadly reflects the balance of views in the whole Assembly. SACC should, at times, be challenging and reforming but I do not care to repeat the experience – as happened on more than one occasion in the last term – of SACC seeing its proposals defeated very heavily by the Assembly it is set up to serve and whose confidence it needs to maintain.

1065 So I am deliberately putting before the States a Committee which, if Members support all four of my candidates, will go about its work quite differently from its predecessor, so I will just say what each of these candidates will contribute to the Committee.

1070 Deputy Elis Bebb: I suppose I don't need to say very much about Deputy Bebb. He, of course, demonstrated his interest in the sorts of issues which preoccupy SACC when, on Tuesday, he moved a successful amendment to the Rules of Procedure regarding open voting in ministerial elections.

1075 He phoned me a couple of days after the General Election and was determined *then* to serve as a member of SACC and, indeed, much of what persuaded Deputy Bebb to seek election to the States in the first place fits squarely within SACC's mandate. He has already presented me with what is developing into quite a long list of action points for the Committee to consider.

Deputy Bebb made a very confident and persuasive maiden speech. He is clearly a thoughtful and articulate Member, and I am mindful that SACC is in need of articulate Members to present its

1080 Reports to this Assembly. I think the Committee would benefit considerably from Deputy Bebb's enthusiasm and energy.

By professional qualification and experience, Deputy Richard Conder is very well suited to SACC. He has an honours degree in politics, which included studies of the constitutions and governance of the United Kingdom, United States, France, Germany, and the countries of Scandinavia.

1085 As part of his professional qualifications, he studied constitutional law and has considerable experience in the field of governance, having been Pro Vice-Chancellor of Bournemouth University and latterly, of course, Chief Executive of the Guernsey Training Agency. Through his work at the GTA, he is familiar with States' procedures and, as a newly elected Member, and particularly one with such an extensive background in education, I would value Deputy Conder's contribution to one aspect of the Committee's mandate in particular – the induction, training, and ongoing support for States' Members.

1090 Deputy Mark Dorey has served in the States for 10 years. I will not list all of the offices he has held in that time: suffice to say, they are many and varied. Sometimes a Member of the Assembly will contact me and say, 'Could you tell me please what do the Rules of Procedure or the Rules of Departments and Committees say about this or that?' Sometimes I can answer and sometimes I can't: when I can't, the Member on the other end of the phone usually says, 'Well, if *you* don't know, the only other person who will is Deputy Dorey.' In terms of knowledge of procedures, on a good day I am perhaps somewhere around the bottom half of the Premiership and he is off playing in the Champions League.

1100 He was a leading light a few years ago of the 'Right to Vote' Movement which campaigned successfully to have Conseillers elected by the public rather than by the States of Election, so his interest in electoral and constitutional matters goes back some way.

Deputy Peter Gillson, as Members will know, entered the States in 2008 after a very successful career in business, during which he accumulated extensive experience of governance, board procedures and report writing, skills which the Committee will find invaluable.

1105 Deputy Gillson hardly needs my pity or yours. Indeed, the last States came to know him as one of its most capable and considered Members, but I hope that Members note that I am the first Minister or Chairman today to propose Deputy Gillson for a seat on anything. It is to the enormous benefit of the parliamentary Committees that a Member of Deputy Gillson's calibre is prepared to commit himself to those Committees exclusively.

Deputy Gillson frequently contributes to debates on SACC Reports, not always with effusive praise – up until now, at least – and, during the last term, he put to SACC several very considered proposals.

1115 Deputy Gillson is not radical, and I hope that my nominating him demonstrates that I intend to fulfil the commitment to lead a Committee which is stable and focused, and which does not present Reports to this States until they are balanced in their arguments and fully thought through,

So the four Members I am nominating are, in my view, all extremely capable, all committed parliamentarians, all interested in the theory and practical application of good governance, and all committed to constructive, thoughtful debate around the committee table.

1120 We are a group of Members who know we can work together and provide the Assembly with the sort of parliamentary Committee it needs. In addition, none of the four Members I am nominating have been left over-stretched, in terms of workload, by today's elections. They all will have the necessary interest and time to commit to SACC properly.

1125 I think every Member of the States is agreed that the role and the status of the parliamentary Committees needs to be improved and it occurs to me, sir, that *all* of the Ministers have managed to secure the successful election of *all* of their candidates, and I would ask the States to demonstrate the same level of confidence in, and support for, the nominations being made by the Chairmen of the Parliamentary Committees, including SACC.

1130 Therefore, sir, I ask Members to elect on to SACC Deputies Elis Bebb, Richard Conder, Mark Dorey and Peter Gillson.

The Bailiff: Deputy Ogier will now speak in respect of Deputy Lowe.

Deputy Ogier: Thank you, sir.

1135 It is with great tenacity I place before this Assembly (*Laughter*) the name of Deputy Lowe for a seat on the States Assembly and Constitution Committee.

Deputy Lowe was the vice-Chairman until last week and has done an excellent job in that role. She was part of the team which brought forward exactly what the people of this Island have been calling for, Island-wide voting, simultaneous electronic voting, improved declaration of interests, a

1140 better code of conduct and, on SACC, she brought forward only recently the Rule change which has enabled this Assembly to vote for the people it believed best fit for the job.

She has been driving the change this Island wants to see but, on occasion, she has been thwarted. She was part of the team which brought forward the possibility of mid-term elections, but the States rejected it. She brought forward electronic voting, but the States rejected it. She brought forward Island-wide voting, but the States rejected it.

1145 Now, many of you here will be fully aware of the induction programme and how we all benefited from such a comprehensive induction process. Deputy Lowe led the working group getting the programme set up, at times, with, it is fair to say, reluctance from certain quarters. In the end, all those participating agreed that, although some were not too keen, it was, at the start anyway, a huge benefit to the staff, to the new Members and existing Members from the States.

1150 The induction programme also enabled the Bailiff, Deputy Bailiff, Her Majesty's Procureur, Comptroller, Greffier, Department and Committee staff, to meet the new Members and, with the existing Members present, all parties could introduce themselves in an informal way. It was something that we did not have in 2008 or 2004 and, in hindsight, I think, at the time, we all knew that it was missing. So, this time around, it really has been a successful induction for all of us. Lots of work and planning took place to get those jobs done and Deputy Lowe, as leading the sub-group, agreed that the initiative has paid off and it has been a huge success.

1155 There were a few recommendations from SACC that were rejected by the previous States, some of which have already been supported by this new States through amendments in this new term, and Deputy Lowe would like to see some of the other recommendations that covered transparency returned to this States to debate. There is certainly merit in doing so, when you see how restrictive the Guernsey States are, compared to other jurisdictions around the world.

1160 Only a matter of weeks ago, the majority of Members answered the *Press* survey, stating, as a majority, that the membership of this Assembly wanted Island-wide voting and yet, three days ago, the newly appointed Chairman made it clear that he did *not* support bringing a Report – SACC, of course, being the body who would be required to do so. Despite overwhelming support for Island-wide voting among the public, the Chairman and nominations for Membership of this Committee all indicated recent lack of support for Island-wide voting, and Deputy Lowe asks you to support her nomination so she can do whatever necessary to get a Report to this States for a debate on Island-wide voting this term.

1170 Part of the induction programme yet to be formalised, are provisional plans offering training for States Members, whether it is for dealing with the media, speech writing, use of electronic equipment, and others yet to be confirmed. Deputy Lowe has proved she could lead such an induction programme: her expertise and organisational skills are worthy of her continuing such a task.

1175 I ask this Assembly to please vote for Deputy Lowe, and to put her back to where she is able to serve Islanders' aspirations, sometimes before they even know they have them.

Thank you, sir.

1180 **The Bailiff:** Members of the States, you now have to vote for four members of the States Assembly and Constitution Committee.

I remind you there are five candidates: Deputies Bebb, Conder, Dorey and Gillson, proposed by the Chairman, Deputy Fallaize, seconded by Alderney Representative Arditti; and Deputy Lowe, proposed by Deputy Ogier and seconded by Deputy Le Pelley.

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A ballot took place.

The Bailiff: The votes will now go to be counted.

1190 *There was an eleven-minute recess to count the votes.*

The Bailiff: Members of the States, the result of the election for four members of the States Assembly and Constitution Committee is as follows; Deputy Conder 41 votes, Deputy Dorey 41 votes, Deputy Gillson 41 votes, Deputy Bebb 38 votes and Deputy Lowe 22 votes. There were no blank or spoiled papers.

1195 Greffier, we move on, I think, with Scrutiny.

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SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Election of eight Members

Deputies Robert Jones, Le Lièvre, Ogier, Fallaize,
Soulsby, Gillson, Sherbourne and Le Pelley elected

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Article XIII.

The States are asked:

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To elect eight sitting Members of the States as members of the Scrutiny Committee to serve until May 2016 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

The Deputy Greffier: Article XIII, election of eight members of the Scrutiny Committee.

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The Bailiff: Alderney Representative Arditti.

Alderney Representative Arditti: Thank you, sir.

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I'd like to propose, in no particular... well, in the order of Chairmen, Deputy Heidi Soulsby and Deputy Robert Jones, together with, in no particular order, Deputies Sherbourne, Gillson, Le Pelley, Ogier, Fallaize, and Le Lièvre.

The Bailiff: Right, I think I've got all those down but when I've finished can I just read them back to make sure I've got them correctly...

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Deputy Soulsby, Deputy Robert Jones, Deputy Sherbourne, Deputy Gillson, Deputy Le Pelley, Deputy Ogier, Deputy Fallaize, and Deputy Le Lièvre. Is that right?

Alderney Representative Arditti: Correct.

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The Bailiff: Thank you very much, can we have a seconder?

A Deputy: I'll second that

The Bailiff: You're one of those! *(Laughter)*

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Alderney Representative Kelly: I'll second that.

The Bailiff: Alderney Representative Kelly. *(Laughter)*

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A Deputy: We'll both second!

The Bailiff: Are there any other candidates for the Scrutiny Committee?
Yes, Deputy Kuttelwascher.

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Deputy Kuttelwascher: I would like to propose Deputy Lester Queripel.

The Bailiff: Thank you.

Deputy Lester Queripel proposed by Deputy Kuttelwascher and seconded by?

Deputy De Lisle: I will second that, sir.

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The Bailiff: Thank you. Deputy De Lisle.

Anybody else?

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No? In that case, Members, I just remind you that there are nine candidates for eight places: Deputies Soulsby, Robert Jones, Sherbourne, Gillson, Le Pelley, Ogier, Fallaize, and Le Lièvre, all proposed by Alderney Representative Arditti and seconded by Alderney Representative Kelly; and Deputy Lester Queripel, proposed by Deputy Kuttelwascher and seconded by Deputy De Lisle.

Alderney Representative Arditti now to speak in respect of his eight nominations.

Alderney Representative Arditti: Thank you, sir.

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Well, five minutes for *eight* Members *(Laughter)* I think that's approximately 40 minutes, give or take a minute or two.

I've been sitting here reflecting on a new era in the election of Members nominated by

Ministers. I hope the older, elder and wiser than me won't contradict me but I think this is, at least in recent history, quite unusual – this measure, this level of support for Minister's nominations. And, coupled with that thought is accountability because, of course, you are never held accountable for something that was outside your control and, in my humble opinion, the Assembly have already made the Ministers more accountable because they have said; 'These are your nominations: very well, get on with it.'

By contrast, on occasions, the Scrutiny Committee, parliamentary Committees in general, have been a shelter for the homeless. I urge Members to consider whether that reflects the vision that the electorate have of a new style of Scrutiny.

I spent yesterday with the Chair of PAC, Deputy Heidi Soulsby, and the Chair of Legislation, Deputy Rob Jones, sifting through a large number of options for a new combined Scrutiny team, and I am very pleased to present to you our preferred nominations for the Scrutiny Committee. They will present their respective nominations for *their* Committees in a few minutes time.

Custom dictates that I present my nominations to you, but the decision is of course for the Assembly. However, we have worked to offer you what we believe is a balanced team, a team for all seasons. A lot of thought has gone into this team, and it reflects our vision, based on what we believe is the vision of the electorate, or at least what we believe will help to satisfy the demand of the electorate.

The Committees, in a sense, are likely to become more like panels than Committees. Our objective is to spend less time talking to *each other* and more time talking to Departments. Chief Officers, and Ministers. We have a vision of shorter Reports, easier to handle, and Reports that are contemporary so that the Department has an opportunity to do something about it, instead of raking over the entrails of things that have already gone and left us. So, this is a team that we present to you and we ask you to approve it, as a team.

You may feel that we have erred, in which case you may propose other nominations from the floor and, if successful, they will be welcomed on board. However, please forgive us for hoping that you will allow us the team that we are asking for. We are asking for your trust.

Before I speak in general terms about the proposed Scrutiny Committee, I would make two general points, if I may.

First, I apologise to those who wanted to be nominated. The fact that you have not been included this time round is no reflection on *you*. It is simply the result of the efforts of the whole combined Scrutiny team to present to the Assembly what I have referred to as a balanced team.

Second, we have resisted, as I have alluded to already, the temptations of old to look sympathetically on candidates who may feel that they *should* be doing something but have not yet found a home. I have always found this a strange notion, for two reasons; first, the job of a backbencher is an important job, *not* an unimportant one. Second, Scrutiny is too important to be viewed any longer in this way.

With regard to nominations themselves, you will have noticed the Chair of PAC and the Chair of Legislation, Deputies Heidi Soulsby and Deputy Rob Jones. This is the beginning of the coming together of these three parliamentary Committees under one umbrella but three distinct wings, with the ability to assist each other, the ability to not only make good use of shared resources in the expensive sense of the word – Civil Service – but also to make a shared use of our own resources.

I do not need, at this stage, after all the other Ministers have spoken – well, some of the Ministers have spoken – I don't need to say anything about Deputy Matt Fallaize and I will not waste your time telling you anything that you already know.

I would just say a few words about one or two of the nominations, mainly, not to tell you about people you already know about, but to try and illustrate some of the thinking of Deputies Soulsby, Jones and myself when putting together these nominations. I wondered if I could just take a little of your time on the subject of Deputy Andy Le Lièvre, formerly Deputy Minister of HSSD: always useful to have someone on board who knows where the skeletons might be hidden! (*Laughter*) Not the training skeletons... I would like to emphasise his seemingly inexhaustible patience in researching, analysing and marshalling the evidence to support his case when he brings one – and the calm and effective way in which he delivers his argument to the rest of us.

Some of us were persuaded and some of us were not, but no-one who heard him in the last Assembly could challenge the clarity and value of his contribution to the debate or deny that they learnt from what he had to say. At the same time, he has the important quality shared by *all* the nominations that I have submitted to you: he will, when exercising his Scrutiny function, leave his political views at home.

Paul Le Pelley, educationalist, author, trade unionist, and active stalwart of Parish administration – self-evidently someone who does not sit back and assume that someone else is

1325 keeping an eye on what's going on. Noticeably a reflective man, who does not jump to conclusions or harbour fixed preconceptions. What lies behind the work that he has done is what equips him, in our view, as a measured Scrutineer.

Deputy Peter Sherbourne, several headmasterships, including the successful restructuring of St. Annes' School in the northern isle.

1330 Deputy Scott Ogier, former Deputy Minister of PSD, a member of Social Security, Education, the Public Remuneration Committee as was. Hopefully, he will sniff out a few skeletons, too. An independent mind. Since the first meeting of the new Assembly on the 1st May, none of us can be in any doubt that he has an independent mind. Whether you agree with him or not, you have to respect the case he presents. And, of course, in doing so, he is not assisted by a Civil Service. The research, the investigation, as it were, the assimilation and marshalling of the evidence, are all done on his own.

1335 I am just going to mention one more and there is no particular reason, as I say... leaving people out is not because... You know, I could use up the whole of my 40 minutes but I really don't think you want me to –

1340 **A Deputy:** No! (*Laughter*)

Alderney Representative Arditti: – as I say.

Well, I got that right, anyway. (*Laughter*)

1345 But I do it, as I said at the outset, simply because talking about some Members, I can communicate some of the thinking that the three Chairs have deployed.

Deputy Peter Gillson: well, you have already heard about him from Deputy Matt Fallaize: Deputy Minister – former Deputy Minister of HSSD. He has opted to confine himself to parliamentary Committee work only. This is by choice. He did not need to.

1350 I submitted to the Assembly the other day that, as Chair, I would not think it appropriate that I offer myself on any political board, but I specifically offered you the view that we had to respect that Members can, and should, otherwise we would not get the best people sitting on Scrutiny, but he has chosen to confine himself to parliamentary work. That shows a level of commitment, in my view, to parliamentary work.

1355 Like Andy Le Lièvre, he has demonstrated, in the last Assembly, an impressive ability to bring to the Assembly matters which he has researched on his own, as a one man scrutineer, and you won't forget that he was a very close contender for the Chair of PAC just two days ago and you heard him speak then, for himself, about his views on Scrutiny.

So, there we have it. I am not going to take up any more of your time.

1360 The decision is yours, but I do ask, please; may we have the balanced teams that we've put before you.

The Bailiff: Deputy Kuttelwascher now will speak in respect of Deputy Lester Queripel .

Deputy Kuttelwascher: Thank you, sir.

1365 I share Alderney Representatives Arditti's view and the other Chairmen of the Committees. I share their vision, but I'm sure Deputy Lester Queripel does also. The eight Members that have been put forward are all very creditable Members, my only point is, they're not the only ones in this Assembly that are also creditable. So I am quite happy to put forward Deputy Lester Queripel again. Now, he's demonstrating some qualities, he certainly perseveres and is persistent, he has so far not achieved his wish and this is his last chance saloon. Now, I don't want you to think that is the only reason he is doing it, he is a keen scrutineer, and I've mentioned before that his ability to question, continue questioning, requiring an answer, do all the necessary research, is there, and he does it. I believe he was up 'til one o'clock in the morning today doing some research on some other items.

1375 But one interesting point is about the Scrutiny, and something about the Scrutiny Committee, something I realised very soon when I was a member of that Committee is that; why do you have nine members? The problem on the Scrutiny Committee is conflict of interest, if you like, in Departments, so being a Department Member is a conflict, and what often happens is you discuss something and several Members have to leave. I've had one case where both the Chairman and the vice-Chairman had to leave because they were conflicted.

1380 The ideal Scrutiny Committee would have nobody on a Department. Now, Deputy Lester Queripel is such a person. He would never have to leave because of conflict and there are one or two others who have been put forward who would be in that situation, and that I believe in a recent Report, was something that was recommended. It was recommended that really, the Scrutiny

1385 Committee should not really have any Departmental Members at all, but that's why we have nine under our system of government, we have to cope with that and, for that reason, I think Deputy Lester Queripel would actually be an ideal non-conflicted member of that Committee and I hope Members will give him their support.

Thank you, sir.

1390 **The Bailiff:** Well, Members, a reminder to you that you are voting for eight Members. I know Deputy Kuttelwascher has just referred to nine, but that includes the Chairman.

1395 It is eight ordinary Members that you are voting for and I will remind you of the names – perhaps I'll read them slowly, as there are so many: Deputy Soulsby, Deputy Rob Jones, Deputy Sherbourne, Deputy Gillson, Deputy Le Pelley, Deputy Ogier, Deputy Fallaize, and Deputy Le Lièvre, all proposed by the Chairman, Alderney Representative Arditti, and seconded by Alderney Representative Kelly; and Deputy Lester Queripel, proposed by Deputy Kuttelwascher and seconded by Deputy De Lisle.

So it is nine candidates for eight places.

1400 *A ballot took place.*

The Bailiff: The slips will now be taken to be counted.

1405 *There was a twenty-minute recess to count the votes.*

The Deputy Sheriff: Take your seats, please.

1410 **The Bailiff:** I have the results of the vote for the election of eight members of the Scrutiny Committee. The votes cast are as follows: Deputy Rob Jones 42 votes, Deputy Le Lièvre 42, Deputy Ogier 42, Deputy Fallaize 40, Deputy Soulsby 40, Deputy Gillson 39 votes, Deputy Sherbourne 39 votes, Deputy Le Pelley 32 votes and Deputy Lester Queripel 21 votes.

There were no spoiled or blank papers, so I declare the following elected: Deputy Rob Jones, Deputy Le Lièvre, Deputy Ogier, Deputy Fallaize, Deputy Soulsby, Deputy Gillson, Deputy Sherbourne and Deputy Le Pelley.

1415 Thank you.

LEGISLATION SELECT COMMITTEE

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Election of four Members

Deputies Bebb, Gollop, Laurie Queripel and Alderney Representative Kelly elected

1425 *Article XI.*

The States are asked:

To elect four sitting Members of the States as members of the Legislation Select Committee to serve until May 2016 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

1430 **The Greffier:** Article XI, election of four members of the Legislation Select Committee.

The Bailiff: Deputy Robert Jones.

1435 **Deputy Robert Jones:** Sir, I put forward for election of the Legislation Select Committee the following; Deputy Elis Bebb, Deputy John Gollop, Alderney Representative Boyd Kelly, and Deputy Laurie Queripel.

The Bailiff: Thank you.

1440 Those are proposed by Deputy Rob Jones, the Chairman of the Committee.
Do we have a seconder?

Alderney Representative Arditti: I will second.

The Bailiff: Yes. Alderney Representative Arditti. Thank you very much.

1445 And do we have any other candidate to be proposed?
No? In that case, we have four candidates for four places. I remind you, Members, they are: Deputy Bebb, Deputy Gollop, Alderney Representative Kelly, and Deputy Laurie Queripel, proposed by Deputy Robert Jones and seconded by Alderney Representative Arditti.

1450 Those in favour; those against.

Members voted Pour.

The Bailiff: I declare them elected.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

1460 **Election of four Members**
Deputies James, Le Clerc, Sherbourne and Alderney Representative Arditti elected

Article XII (1).

The States are asked:

1465 *To elect four sitting Members of the States as members of the Public Accounts Committee to serve until May 2016 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.*

1470 **The Deputy Greffier:** Article XII, election of four States members of the Public Accounts Committee.

The Bailiff: Deputy Soulsby, as Chairman of the Committee, to propose her candidates.

1475 **Deputy Soulsby:** I am delighted to nominate Deputy Sandra James, Deputy Michelle Le Clerc, Alderney Representative Paul Arditti, and Deputy Peter Sherbourne as my team on the Public Accounts Committee.

The Bailiff: Thank you. As proposed by Deputy Soulsby, the Chairman of the Committee.
Do we have a seconder?

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Deputy Fallaize: Sir, I'll second those nominations.

The Bailiff: Deputy Fallaize, thank you.

Do we have any other candidates?

1485 No? In that case, we have, again, four candidates for four places: Deputy James, Deputy Le Clerc, Alderney Representative Arditti, and Deputy Sherbourne, proposed by Deputy Soulsby and seconded by Deputy Fallaize.

Those in favour; those against.

1490 *Members voted Pour.*

The Bailiff: I declare them elected.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

1500 **Election of four non-sitting Members**
Paul Hodgson, John Dyke, Gill Morris and Patrick Firth elected

Article XII (2).

The States are asked:

1505 *To elect four members of the Public Accounts Committee who shall not be sitting Members of the States to serve until May 2016 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation*

of States Departments and Committees.

The Deputy Greffier: Article 12 (2), election of four Non-States members as members of the Public Accounts Committee.

The Bailiff: Deputy Soulsby.

Deputy Soulsby: After having just become Chair of the Public Accounts Committee, it was quite a task, as you can imagine, only just finding out on Tuesday evening, then being bombarded with a lot of CV's on the following day. But through the powers of the *Guernsey Press* and Twitter, I have managed to produce four able candidates who I would like to seek nomination for. Do you want me to speak about each person?

The Bailiff: I think if you could give us the names first and then we'll see if they –

Deputy Soulsby: Okay... because people might not know who they are.

The Bailiff: I think other candidates can be proposed from the floor, can't they, Procureur? I had been expecting this might be adjourned... Yes, I think they can be proposed from the floor...

The Procureur: There could be alternatives but there is a Rule somewhere that says that, when it is not a Member of the States, the proposer has got to give a brief résumé. Maybe take the names first and then see if there are any others.

The Bailiff: Yes, if we take the names, see if there are any and then you give us a brief résumé of each of them.

Deputy Soulsby: The first is Paul Hodgson, second is John Dyke, third is Gill Morris and the fourth is Patrick Firth.

The Bailiff: So that is Paul Hodgson, John Dyke, Gill Moore –

Deputy Soulsby: Morris

The Bailiff: – sorry, Gill Morris. I can't read my own writing! Gill Morris. And the fourth one?

Deputy Soulsby: Patrick Firth

The Bailiff: Patrick Firth.
Thank you.
Are there any other...? Sorry, can we have a seconder for those.

Deputy Fallaize: Yes, I'll second those.

The Bailiff: Deputy Fallaize, thank you.
Do we have any other candidates to be proposed?
No? Well, then, could you just give us a brief résumé.

There was a brief conference between the Bailiff and the Deputy Greffier.

The Bailiff: Rule 12, Yellow: Yes, well Rule 12 Yellow says

‘...where the number of candidates exceeds the number of seats contested the proposer should provide the Assembly with a full report containing background information about the candidate...’

when they must seek election- the reason for this name having being put forward. It does not seem to cover a situation –

The Procureur: It does not – but it doesn't stop Deputy Soulsby –

The Bailiff: It doesn't –

1570 **The Procureur:** – saying a few words for the enlightenment of Members of the States, if she so wishes.

The Bailiff: That is exactly what I was going to suggest . If you wish to do that –

1575 **Deputy Soulsby:** Yes, I would like to do that.

The Bailiff: – I think that would be very helpful for Members of the States.

1580 **Deputy Soulsby:** Yes, I think it would be very helpful just to know the technical expertise we are going to have on the new Public Accounts Committee. I think they will give a real depth and breadth of experience to what we want to achieve over the next four years.

1585 Paul Hodgson: Paul is a Chartered Accountant and Managing Director of Butterfield Trust. He is also a member of both the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment. Originally from Australia, Paul gained a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Queensland. He there began his career with one of the big four accountancy firms, working in Australia, Hong Kong and London in the area of corporate recovery.

1590 On arrival in Guernsey, in 1998, Paul joined Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. In 2000 Paul was appointed a director of the Trust company, and following the acquisition of the CIBC Guernsey operations by Butterfield Bank, he took on a range of project-oriented roles before assuming the position of Managing Director of Butterfield Trust (Guernsey) Limited in 2003.

1595 Paul was appointed Chairman of the Guernsey branch of STEP in 2012, and is on the committee of the Guernsey Association of Trustees. He has written occasional articles for industry publications. For the last three years, Paul has been named in the top 20 leading Trustees in the Citywealth Leaders List, an annual guide listing the most highly regarded figures in private wealth management. Throughout his career, Paul has gained extensive experience in many aspects of the financial services industry, which will benefit him in his role as Chairman of STEP in Guernsey.

1600 John Dyke: John is currently a consultant with Mourant Ozannes, a non-executive director of an investment management company, and a number of Mutual Funds. John qualified as an English solicitor in 1981 – currently non-practising. He was a partner of Maples and Calder in the Cayman Islands, before joining Ozannes in 1999 as a consultant. John specialises in Mutual Funds and has comprehensive experience and expertise in this field, as well as in corporate finance and securitisations: he will be the legal brain on PAC.

1605 Gill Morris: Gill is an experienced member of the leadership team at Specsavers, managing multi-million pound budgets. Formerly, Gill worked for KPMG as tax supervisor in both Australia and in Guernsey. She is a Chartered Accountant, as well as a Chartered Tax Adviser and an Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute.

1610 Patrick Firth: Patrick is a Chartered Accountant and member of the Securities Institute and Guernsey Investment Fund Association, of which he was formerly Chairman and remains on the Executive Committee. He is also on the Council for the Guernsey International Business Association and a member of the Offshore Committee of the Association of Investment Companies.

1615 He was Managing Director of Butterfield Fund Services (Guernsey) Limited, and he qualified as a Chartered Accountant with KPMG in 1990. He joined Rothschild Asset Management (CI) Limited in 1992, where he assumed responsibility for combined assets in excess of \$US 3 billion. Then he gained experience in Funds of Funds, Direct Investment Funds and Venture Capital Funds. On the acquisition of the Company by Bi-Systems Services in February 1999, he became Head of Operations and subsequently Managing Director, before moving to Butterfield in 2002. He is currently a non-executive director on various investment management vehicles.

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The Bailiff: Thank you.

Members, there are four candidates proposed for the four vacancies available to non-States Members as Members of the Public Accounts Committee.

1625 I remind you they are Paul Hodgson, John Dyke, Gill Morris and Patrick Firth, proposed by Deputy Soulsby, seconded by Deputy Fallaize.

Those in favour; those against.

Members voted Pour.

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The Bailiff: I declare them elected.

Members of the States, that concludes the business of this meeting.

I wish you all well in the posts to which you have been elected.

Thank you.

THE GRACE
The Deputy Greffier

The Assembly adjourned at 12.15 p.m.