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# States of Election

*The States met at 9.30 a.m.*

[THE BAILIFF *in the Chair*]

## PRAYER

*The Greffier*

## EVOCATION

## CONVOCATION

**The Deputy Greffier:** Billet d'État XXI. To the Members of the States of Election of the Island of Guernsey, I hereby give notice that a meeting of the States of Election will be held at the Royal Court House on Wednesday, 26th September 2018 at 9.30 a.m. for the purpose of electing a Jurat in place of Jurat John Ferguson who, pursuant to section 5.11 of the Royal Court of Guernsey (Miscellaneous Reform Provisions) Law 1950, will cease to hold office by reason of age on 28th August 2018.

## Election of a Jurat – Marilyn King elected

**The Bailiff:** States of Election, good morning to you all and thank you very much for attending.

I have received three nominations for the vacant office of Jurat: that of Marilyn Jasmine King, proposed by Deputy P. T. R. Ferbrache and seconded by Deputy M. M. Lowe; that of Marguerite Renée Talmage, proposed by Deputy L. S. Trott and seconded by Deputy A. C. Dudley-Owen; and that of David Francis Raines, proposed by Deputy M. K. Le Clerc and seconded by Deputy M. J. Fallaize.

I invite first the proposer of Mrs King, Deputy Ferbrache, to address the Assembly.

**Deputy Ferbrache:** Thank you very much, sir.

I propose with – everybody says this but it is absolutely true – with all that I have, the candidacy of Marilyn King for the role of Juré-Justicier. I will turn to those words in a moment.

I propose her, not because of her gender, but because she is an outstanding candidate, and again that will become apparent hopefully in the remarks I make and those made by Deputy Lowe. Despite the fact that her gender is irrelevant to whether or not she would make a good *Juré-Justicier*, I do just mention that because although the role of Jurat has existed for centuries and centuries, it was largely a patrician, male and class-orientated role until modern times. Indeed, when I was called to the Guernsey Bar in 1981, which is a long time ago for me but will be a blink in the eye for the role of Jurats, there had never ever been a female Jurat. The first female Jurat was elected to that role just a few years later – and it is not just in Guernsey – and also at that time there was only one female practising woman advocate and she was the first ever and she had been called to the Guernsey Bar in early 1971. Not just in Guernsey but also in England; the first

woman solicitor was not called until 1920; the first woman to keep Counsel was 1948; the first woman County Court judge, 1962; the first woman High Court judge, 1965. So women's role in the law was ignored and is a recent one, and the contribution that is made by women to the Jurat's bench over the last 30 years or so has been considerable.

But being elected to the role of Jurat is not meant as a gift or an honorarium because you have had a commendable life, because you have done great things in our society, because what Jurats do is they are the sole arbiters of fact in our law court in criminal trials and they sit still in civil trials where they again are the sole arbiters of fact. It is on those facts that decisions are made – whether somebody is guilty or not guilty of a serious crime, whether a particular *[Inaudible]* or civil contract has been made out. So it is such a vital role and you need a whole assortment of qualities if you are going to be a valid Jurat, because those roles ... the decisions they make impact upon people's lives forever and it is therefore the most important role that can be discharged by one of our citizens. So therefore you have to make sure that you have a person of the right quality.

Marilyn King is a person from an ordinary Guernsey background. She was born in Guernsey, went to the Grammar School – Girls' Grammar School, as it would then be – and then left at the age of 15, which was as soon as she could leave in those days, with no idea what she wanted to do. But life has not always been easy and the roses have not always smelt sweetly for her. What she did was she got married in her early 20's, she had two children, she worked doing night work to look after her family in residential nursing homes and in her early 30's she joined the Civil Service, and because of her excellent common sense, her innate intelligence and her ability and drive, she progressed and has a wide range of experience.

She started off in a relatively humble role, as a credit control clerk at Guernsey Telecoms but very shortly was promoted through the ranks in that organisation and ended up with a senior management position. She then moved to the Department of Health and again started as a deputy home help organiser, bearing in mind her experience working in nursing homes some years before.

She proceeded to various other roles and then at the time that there was the first Medical Specialist Group contract, which I and one of my colleagues, in my then law firm helped to draft and we had no idea what we were drafting but hopefully there is a better manifestation of that now; but she was involved in that and she had a senior role in administering that contract on behalf of the States. So she dealt with many multiple agencies, she had to assimilate lots of information and she had to make sure that she bridged that gap between the medical specialists, who perhaps on occasions were slightly truculent, and the States of Guernsey, which on occasion was slightly bureaucratic. So she had to bridge that gap and do something which was absolutely unique and she did it splendidly.

Then she came to the law and in 1998 she became a Deputy Greffier and she became a Deputy Greffier who specialised in Matrimonial Causes. That Deputy Greffier probably has the most difficult role of any Deputy Greffier because they are dealing with people whose lives are in turmoil, they are dealing with people who are going through a difficult time. I was active in the legal matters in that particular field in those years and she was truly excellent. She had common sense, she had organising ability, she had compassion, she had realism, and she served with two Bailiffs, Sir Graham Dorey and Sir de Vic Carey, and she also, because a Deputy Greffier's role extends beyond that, dealt with Magistrates' Court criminal and civil matters and some civil matters in the Royal Court. As I say, with no disrespect to her colleagues, she was a star because she had that ability and she had that common sense and she was a rounded person.

But she then later on took on the role of manager of Victim Support and Witness Service, which she only retired from last year. It is a role that she held for 12 years and indeed during those years she would liaise very closely with all concerned with the criminal justice system. She attended many multi-agency meetings and was also a member of the Restorative Justice Management Committee and worked closely with her colleagues in Jersey and the Isle of Man.

The service moved into the court building – the recently refurbished court building – in February 2006 when she took up her post and together with her service volunteers they

successfully provided the much-needed support to witnesses and their families. Those of us that have been in the law a long time – me, going back to 1972 – it was remarkable and sad that Guernsey did not have that service until about 12 or 13 years ago. It really was a concern because what she did, and she was the leader of that service, was she made sure that people who were going to give evidence in a whole variety of forums were calm, they were given support, they were helped, and therefore they could give that evidence so that it made the Jurat's decision and task all the easier by being able to exercise judgment based on people knowing they were giving the full facts. I can remember cases before then where women who had been victims of rape were left on their own; they would come into the court system, they would turn up in the building and they were left on their own. All of that was got rid of and the leader of that was Marilyn King, and we as a society owe her a great debt of gratitude.

But the point is she was therefore working closely with the courts system for years and basic things that we take for granted now, like video links, she was one of the prime movers to establish that; and such were the high standards of that service that in 2009 it was awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

So I conclude by saying this: if you want a person who has got common sense, if you want a person who has got intelligence and if you want a person who has lived a full life in every sense of the word, if you want a person who is familiar with the judicial system in every part of its workings, then you have only one candidate you can vote for. I commend to you Marilyn King.

**The Bailiff:** I invite the seconder of Mrs King, Deputy Lowe, to address the Assembly.

**Deputy Lowe:** Thank you, sir.

I apologise to the Gallery for speaking with my back to you.

It gives me great pleasure, sir, and Members of the States of Election, to second the nomination of Marilyn King. In all my time as a Member of the States of Election I have never come across somebody with so much court experience before seeking to become a Jurat. That, I think Members here would agree, sir, is very unusual.

Sir, I believe if the States of Election allow Marilyn King to be a Jurat today she will be a huge asset to the court process; she can hit the ground running.

In 1998, when Marilyn took up the post of Deputy Greffier, primarily for Matrimonial Causes Division, but also assisted with the Royal Court civil matters and Magistrates Court criminal and civil matters; and as Deputy Ferbrache said, she has served under two Bailiffs, the late Sir Graham Dorey and later Sir de Vic Carey. Having a Jurat with six years' experience as Deputy Greffier followed by another 12 years as manager of Victim and Witness Support will, I have no doubt, be a benefit to all those who would work with Marilyn or those who attend the court for one reason or another.

For most who attend court, it is a first and quite a daunting experience. Marilyn's calming influence and previous experience working with so many coming through the court process will no doubt have been a benefit to those who would find themselves in court. As part of Marilyn's job she attended Criminal Justice and Royal Court meetings locally; Victim Support conferences in Jersey and the Isle of Man, and organising the Bailiwick's Victim Support conference bi-annually.

Marilyn was a member of the Restorative Justice Management Committee and attended multi-agency meetings as and when necessary. She also visited schools to explain about the service provided by Victim Support and Witness Service. Marilyn used to volunteer as an appropriate adult for the Law Enforcement agencies until this conflicted too much with her work as Victim Support and Witness Service Manager. Marilyn stepped down as manager on 1st July 2017 in order for the deputy manager to step up prior to her retirement.

Marilyn loves gardening, not just her own, but helps out with her daughter and her mother's garden. She also enjoys walking, reading and listening to a wide range of music and as part of relaxing, Marilyn carries out some voluntary work for an animal charity. She is also a volunteer for the Police Witness Care Unit – that is updating victims and witnesses on court outcomes.

Obviously she would step down as a volunteer if elected today. Marilyn has enjoyed retirement but is not one to sit still, and would like to do something worthwhile utilising her court knowledge and skills from being Deputy Greffier, and skills working with victims and witnesses. For all of those assets and experiences she has accomplished, being a Jurat ticks all those boxes.

Sir, and Members of the States of Election, you may have noticed something missing in my speech. Unusually so, I wanted to just use the time available to speak about the candidate herself, as often speeches are filled with who is their father, mother, auntie, gran, and the list goes on – all very interesting, but a distraction from the candidate who we are voting for. So I made the decision to speak about Marilyn King, as this is about whether she can do the job as a Jurat and what work experience and background *she* has. By excluding the family members it does not mean that there are some dark secrets lurking in the cupboard it means for me, and I hope everyone in here today, our candidate is the one who should have the centre stage.

Marilyn, as part of her previous work, liaised with the Police, the courts, the Law Officers, the judges, the advocates and other agencies to ensure victims and witnesses were treated compassionately and appropriately throughout the system. Throughout Marilyn's career as Deputy Greffier and as manager of Victim and Witness Service, Marilyn has worked alongside and dealt with people from all walks of life and is rightly proud of her achievements. She has the right mindset to become a Jurat, which would not only be a great honour but also the ultimate achievement for somebody who has spent many years working within the court environment – 18 years. Plus before that she worked in the Advocate's office preparing documents for court. Clearly, this sort of work is well and truly in her blood.

I ask Members of the States of Election to consider giving their support to Marilyn King for the vacant Jurat seat. Thank you, sir.

**The Bailiff:** I invite the Proposer of Mrs Talmage, Deputy Trott, to address the Assembly.

**Deputy Trott:** Sir, thank you.

As members of the States of Election we must strive to elect the best in our community to the role of Jurat. We seek candidates who are intelligent and compassionate; candidates that possess a deep knowledge of Guernsey and with it our unique heritage; and candidates that understand the important role of the Jurat in maintaining our strong sense of community. We need those who understand the fabric of our history and tradition, but it is also essential that people elected to the Bench have extensive knowledge of the outside world and multiple life experiences.

Marguerite Talmage, nee Ozanne, needs no explanation of what the role of Jurat entails; her father Lawrie was a much-admired and respected Jurat known to many of us in this Chamber today. Sir, Marguerite has for the past 50 years, given generously to the community life of Guernsey. Perhaps it is no surprise that she understands the importance of giving as she is one of those people to have been born on Christmas Day. *(Laughter)*

Marguerite is not just a long-standing driving force in our community she has been a high flyer professionally, having for many years worked in the international aviation industry. She is one of those people who, despite having reached the top of her chosen profession, does not have her head in the clouds – you will meet few more grounded people. Instead, she has done much to help those who sometimes, through no fault of their own have had a hard landing; an example being through her work formerly as Procureur of the Poor. She has served as both Junior and Senior Constable of St Pierre du Bois, and she understands the vital importance of our parish system and its support of our community.

Sir, Marguerite was born in Guernsey and educated at Forest School and Ladies' College. As a child and into adulthood she was closely involved in the Island's equestrian community. She was Guernsey Riding and Hunt Club secretary for many years and organised the first two Dressage Festivals on the Island – early demonstration that she was prepared to take the reins in public life. Professionally, Marguerite began in the aviation industry moving into administration and facilities



management before establishing her own successful PR and events company which she sold before retiring.

From 1973 and for a decade and a half thereafter, Marguerite was with Anglo Normandy Aviation where her career really took off, rising to become managing director responsible for the day-to-day running of both the aviation and aero-engineering divisions. Subsequently, Marguerite was appointed commercial manager with Guernsey Airlines, with responsibility for passenger and customer relations, promotion, recruitment and the training of ground staff. She acted as station manager for much of the time – a role that brought much responsibility and occasional elevated levels of stress, which I know she handled with distinction.

Now, sir, in 1987, Marguerite left aviation to relocate to Wiltshire with her husband, Tony, and until 1996 she was with Halcrow Consultants, the multi-national consulting civil engineers. As administration manager she was directly responsible for all facilities management of the regional headquarters with control of a substantial budget and workforce. Returning to the Island in the late 1990's, Marguerite combined her people and commercial skills in a different way: with her husband, she took control of a local PR agency and built the event management division of CMA to organise major events including the Guernsey and Jersey Awards for Achievement and Liberation Day celebrations – events which are at the very heart of preserving our heritage, while looking to the future. In addition, she organised the Guernsey and Jersey Homelife shows, and conferences on behalf of the finance sector showing that she had retained an understanding of the commercial world.

Now, sir a decade later she sold the business in order to retire from the world of commerce but not from Island life – if anything, she engaged in our community even more actively. Marguerite has led St Peter's Parish to gold medals not once, not twice, but four times in the national and highly competitive Britain in Bloom competition. Marguerite was volunteer PR for Bowel Cancer Guernsey and has recently set up Wellbeing Animals Guernsey, a pet therapy charity which provides therapy pet visits to vulnerable members of our community. The charity works closely with Health & Social Care in providing visits to those in hospital, nursing homes and day centres. Marguerite is also a member of the board of GROW Limited, another fantastic charity known to us all, and is secretary of the St Peter's Cemetery Committee.

Sir, Marguerite has a keen sense of community, a strong connection with people from all walks of life and a long track record of working hard in order to ensure that everything that she does she does well, and often for the benefit of others. As a Jurat we can be assured that she will serve our community diligently and with care. She will bring expertise from her long and successful period in business as well as her exemplary credentials in supporting our community. She will discharge the role fairly, she will discharge the role consistently, and most of all she will do it exceptionally well.

Thank you, sir.

**The Bailiff:** I invite the seconder of Mrs Talmage, Deputy Dudley-Owen, to address the Assembly.

**Deputy Dudley-Owen:** Thank you, sir.

As we have heard from Deputy Trott just now, Marguerite Talmage has all the hallmarks to make a very valuable Jurat. The summary of her *curriculum vitae* that he has shared with us is a clear demonstration of her skills and relevant work and life experience. I would like to focus in on a few areas in more detail, which I hope will give you a better understanding of why Marguerite is an excellent candidate for this important role.

Marguerite approaches work in an analytical way and using the facts available takes appropriate action. I will give you one example of this: when Marguerite was employed at the global civil engineering consultancy, Halcrow, she immediately recognised the incoherence of its existing administration system balanced against the needs of the business. She set about revolutionising this using her strong qualities of pragmatism and foresight. She went further than

tackling just the admin system and introduced incentives – a work-life balance and career progression system that injected a new dynamism into the company helping it to achieve major contracts like the Second Severn Crossing, and the first and only bridge linking Sweden and Denmark.

240 Marguerite has a selfless nature and an extremely compassionate side to her personality. Very sadly her close friend, Jane, was suffering from terminal cancer. Jane, who had no living relatives able to help her during this time, asked Marguerite to be her legal next of kin. Marguerite readily agreed and took over all the responsibilities which went with this role. She sat by Jane's bedside until the end came, having fulfilled the very greatest of duties that can be bestowed on a person –

245 helping to care for another at the end of their life.

Marguerite, having retired from corporate life early, now has the flexibility to give everything to fulfilling the duties of a Jurat, which demands availability for weeks and sometimes months. The work and the value that Marguerite and her family, the Ozannes, have contributed to the community here in Guernsey over the years and in so many areas are unmeasurable. She follows

250 in the footsteps of her mother, the well-known, much-loved and much-missed Joan Ozanne, whose boundless enthusiasm and drive Marguerite has inherited in spades – which brings me nicely to her contribution to the floral group.

Deputy Trott in his speech has already given us a good flavour of the successes that Marguerite achieved playing a key part in Floral St Peters and the Floral Guernsey Project Team, winning numerous high-level national awards. A very important but lesser known part of this role

255 was that of working with prisoners on parole. Marguerite believes that everyone has a vital and positive part to play in the community if they can only be given the chance. She knew the importance of bringing those whose paths had led them to a prison sentence to a turning point in their lives. There is no better way to do this than making sure that they could participate constructively in the work of the floral team – working together, creating the displays and seeing the fruits of their labour often part of the winning accolades. Her pragmatic approach to dealing with people reaps rewards in more ways than one, and she has demonstrated this time and time again throughout her life.

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To sum up, the Rev. Adrian Datta from St Pierre du Bois knows Marguerite well and he has captured far more succinctly than I can, the excellent qualities that she has. He says: 'I have only experienced Marguerite as hard-working, compassionate, fair and able to work with a wide range of people and she can always be relied on to get the job done. Marguerite is able to see the wood for the trees and to grasp the most salient information whilst holding on to and attending to the detail'.

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270 Sir, I ask Members of the States of Election, through you, to please use your vote this morning for Marguerite Talmage.

Thank you.

**The Bailiff:** I invite the proposer of Dr Raines, Deputy Le Clerc, to address the Assembly.

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**Deputy Le Clerc:** Thank you, sir.

I am delighted to be able to stand before this States of Election to nominate David Raines for the position of Jurat. David lives in St Peter Port and is a member of St Peter Port North constituency, another reason why I am proud to be able to nominate him today. Deputy Fallaize

280 has very kindly agreed to second his proposition and will talk about David in his professional career. I will talk about David the man and why I think he has all the right qualifications for the role and is the candidate that you should cast your vote for today.

David was born in 1951 and both his parents were involved in nursing: his father a nursing tutor and mother a general nurse. They lived in Bristol for many years where David attended

285 Bristol Grammar School. He thrived at the school enjoying all aspects, but in particular a love of sports. I say that, because it is through sport that I met David and his wife, Caroline, many years ago. David went on to become head boy at Bristol Grammar School showing his early talent for

leadership and mentoring. He studied chemistry, physics and maths in the sixth form, gaining a place to read for an honours degree in Applied Chemistry at the University of Salford. He also  
290 undertook scientific research at Sussex University before going on to teach. Following several teaching posts he eventually took up a position at Elizabeth College in 1982 as Head of Chemistry, a position he held for 32 years.

As we have already heard, David has always been an avid sportsman, he has run several marathons and has a passion for rugby, captaining the Rugby Veteran's side for a few years. Since  
295 retirement he has taken up sailing. Our paths first crossed when he joined the Guernsey Hockey Club. I knew David's wife Caroline long before I knew David as I played hockey with Caroline for many years. Many of you will know her father, the late Tony Spensley who was also a Jurat. So I have no doubt David is fully aware of the importance of this most ancient and honourable position and is under no illusion of the commitment and service that the role of Jurat requires.

300 Getting back to hockey, I met David when he played for the men's veterans. He was a gentleman on the pitch, which is more than can be said about my motives on the field. Caroline is a very important part of his life and they have four children between them. David has said to me that without her support he would not even have considered proceeding with his nomination today. They are both involved in volunteering, Caroline with Citizen's Advice and Cancer Research  
305 and David with various organisations such as Rotary Club and the Child Youth and Community Tribunal (CYCT). When David became Head of Science at College he had to relinquish his involvement with pastoral work – that was a major disappointment to him. But in the summer of 2008 he was most excited to read in the *Guernsey Press* about plans for changes to the Children's Law in Guernsey and the introduction of the Child Youth and Community Tribunal.

310 On completion of training he was appointed by the Royal Court as a member of the CYCT. At that time, Roger Allsopp was also appointed as the first President of the CYCT and David considered it a very real honour to be appointed as Deputy President alongside Roger, a position that he held until January 2016 when he was appointed President. The intensive training received by all CYCT members both pre-service and in service, along with the experience of decision-  
315 making in the best interests of the welfare of Guernsey's most vulnerable young people and their families will prove invaluable if he is elected as a Jurat.

I know he has carried out the various functions of the CYCT effectively throughout his three-year term of office as President, developing skills and experience which will enable him to fulfil many of the duties that are expected of a Jurat at the Royal Court. David is a fit and active  
320 member of society who is always willing to get involved and support the sporting, cultural and charitable organisations within the Island in whatever ways he can. He is committed and conscientious in his approach to all that he does. I am so proud to be nominating him today and I ask you to give him your full support. He is without doubt the best candidate for the role. Please vote for David Raines.

325 Thank you, sir.

**The Bailiff:** I invite the seconder of Dr Raines, Deputy Fallaize, to address the Assembly.

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

330 Members of the States of Election know that it is always a considerable challenge to find a candidate who will enhance and add something different to the already high calibre of the Jurat's Bench. But in David Raines we have such a candidate. David is an accomplished academic with very broad life experiences who has maintained an exceptionally wide range of interests and who has served our community with distinction in multiple professional and voluntary roles.

335 David's professional life has mostly been in the field of chemistry, initially in research and then as a teacher since 1982 in Guernsey. As a young man he spent time working in the chemical industry including for Beecham Pharmaceuticals and the UK Atomic Energy Authority. He is a graduate member of the Royal Institute of Chemistry. He holds a doctorate in Synthetic Organic Chemistry and he was at one time seconded by the BBC to work at Alexandra Palace on Open

340 University higher-level chemistry programmes. Research in the sciences to such a high level requires the development of a logical and objective mind, and as far as is humanly possible the avoidance of prejudice and unconscious bias, and instead reliance on established facts. These characteristics are equally important to be an effective Jurat of the Royal Court.

345 I first knew David Raines – or Doc Raines, as we called him – when he taught me chemistry at Elizabeth College. Anybody who knows anything about my ability in any branch of science will immediately understand why that establishes David as a man of great patience and persistence who is used to doing his best even in hopeless circumstances. (*Laughter*) In the classroom he was calm, thorough and fair and through these qualities he maintained the respect of his students. It is not surprising therefore that he quickly assumed roles supporting the pastoral wellbeing of  
350 students including as a head of house, head of year and master of the boarding house. He was also chairman of the masters' common room; he was an examiner for the Oxford and Cambridge Examinations Board; he was instrumental in the formation of the naval section of the CCF having previously trained at the Britannia Royal Naval College at Dartmouth and at the leadership training school at HMS Arthur. He led expedition training and assessment in the Duke of  
355 Edinburgh Scheme in Bronze, Silver and Gold Award levels, and in 2007 was appointed Head of Science, the largest academic faculty.

Clearly, then, David has been directly involved with generations of young people and their families. During some of this time he was a single parent of two teenage sons before he met his wife Caroline. In all his profession and voluntary roles David has earned a reputation for treating  
360 people with respect and dignity and has given many years of service in promoting and caring for the welfare of children and young people. In his own student days, David was not only extremely able academically he was also active in the choir, in drama productions and in almost all sports. He represented his school at rugby, cricket, fencing and athletics, as well as chess. This was all a sign of an adult life to come which has been full of rich and varied interests.

365 David was in the Brecon Beacons Mountain Rescue Team and was a national park warden and guide. In Guernsey he has played competitive football, cricket, rugby and hockey and has run five marathons – not one after the other, but in different years. He teaches the Royal Yachting Association Day Skipper course at the College of Further Education. He is Vice-Commodore of the Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club; he sings in the Guernsey Choral and Orchestral Society; he is  
370 active in the Rotary Club; and recently has led the organisation of the annual Youth Speaks event. His broad life experiences and wide range of interests over a sustained period mark David out as someone who is well-rounded and well-grounded in our community and these will be valuable qualities as a Jurat. They also demonstrate his deep commitment to Guernsey, its people and our community which has been his home for more than 35 years.

375 David has vast experience as a team player and is the leader of teams in a variety of areas of life. In the classroom he was never a shouter, he was quite unflappable and taught and led by example. One of the first things most of his professional colleagues say about him is that he easily maintained good working relationships without compromising his high personal standards and high expectations of others. When I asked why David wished to become a Jurat, he said that he is  
380 immensely grateful for all that Guernsey has given to him and his family, and he wishes to make the most meaningful contribution he can to his Island. And in view of his background, experiences and skills, he is abundantly qualified to make that meaningful contribution as a Jurat of the Royal Court and I unhesitatingly commend his nomination to the States of Election and ask colleagues to vote for him.

385 Thank you, sir.

**The Bailiff:** Members of the States, before you proceed to vote you must elect scrutineers. By convention it is the Law Officers who propose and second scrutineers. Madame Procureur, can you just confirm who you are proposing on this occasion?

**The Procureur:** Sir, we have just made a very last minute change, we are proposing Deputy Charles Parkinson and actually Deputy Lindsay de Sausmarez – hopefully she has had a quick email. Thank you, sir.

395 **The Bailiff:** And there is usually a Jurat as well. Jurat David Robilliard, is it?

**The Procureur:** Correct, sir. Yes, please.

400 **The Bailiff:** Can I just explain that those who are chosen, are chosen by rotation through the list of Jurats and Deputies and it would normally have been Deputy Dudley-Owen's turn to be proposed this time as a scrutineer, but obviously as she is seconding one of the candidates, it would be inappropriate to do that so that is why it is Deputy de Sausmarez who has been asked.

So, Members, I put to you the proposition that Jurat Robilliard, Deputy Parkinson and Deputy de Sausmarez be elected as scrutineers. Those in favour; those against.

*Members voted Pour.*

405 **The Bailiff:** I declare the three of them elected.

I have received from Her Majesty's Greffier a certificate stating that there are present in the Chamber 93 Members of the States of Election and I therefore confirm that a quorum is present. Most of you will be very familiar with the voting requirements but there may be persons present who have not voted before so I will therefore repeat what I have said on previous occasions

410 The provisions relating to voting in the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948, as amended, provide in Article 5(2) that, and I quote:

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

– unquote. That means today with 93 present, there must be 47 votes secured by a candidate before that candidate can be declared elected.

That article also provides that, and I quote again:

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

415 I remind you that those Members supporting a candidate should place a cross in the appropriate place on the voting paper and other Members should return a blank voting paper.

420 Voting will take place in the Jurats' Room and in the lobby outside this Chamber. Members proceed in the order of their names on the roll call as follows. The roll call has been divided in three: the first section containing the names of those Members up to and including St Peter Port South – that is to say Deputy Tooley. The second section contains the names of the Members from St Peter Port North, starting with Deputy Gollop, up to and including all those in the South East, concluding with Deputy Oliver. Electors in those two sections should form into two queues along the corridor to the Jurats' Room. On entering the Jurats' Room, the Members in the first section of the roll call proceed to the table on the left and the second section to the table on the right to collect their ballot paper. After voting, please exit the Jurats' Room via the Jurats' Lobby. 425 The third section contains the names of all the Douzaine representatives; electors in that section are to form a single queue and will vote in the lobby outside this Chamber. After voting, please move through to the cloakroom adjacent to the lobby until the Douzaine representative for St Andrews has voted. After voting has been completed, Members are requested to return to the Chamber. 430

Would you please now allow Her Majesty's Greffier and the scrutineers to leave the Chamber first so that the scrutineers can examine the voting boxes and record their own votes.

Thank you.

*There was a ballot.*

435 **The Bailiff:** Well, Members of the States of Election, I have received notification from the Greffier and the scrutineers that the voting was as follows:

King, Marilyn Jasmine, 39 votes; Talmage, Marguerite Renée, 31 votes; Raines, Davis Francis, 21 votes; there were no spoilt papers and 1 blank paper.

The most numerate amongst you will notice that only adds up to 92, and I announced there were 93 present – the reason is I am the 93rd and I only have a casting vote, so there are actually only 92 votes cast at this stage. But it does not alter the fact that 47 is still the hurdle that the successful candidate needs to attain.

440 So, as the candidate with the highest number of votes has not polled 47 votes, then in pursuance of the provisions of the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948, as amended, there cannot be a winner declared and a second ballot is necessary. However, under the provisions of that Law, the candidate with the least number of votes is eliminated from the next ballot. Dr Raines is therefore eliminated at this stage.

445 So I remind you that Members supporting either Marilyn King or Marguerite Talmage should place a cross in the appropriate place on the voting paper, and other Members should return a blank voting paper. The voting will now take place under the same conditions as the first ballot.

Thank you very much.

*There was a ballot.*

450 **The Bailiff:** Members, I have received from Her Majesty's Greffier and the scrutineers a record of the vote. The voting was as follows:

King, Marilyn Jasmine, 49 votes; Marguerite Renée Talmage, 41 votes; there were no spoilt papers and 2 blank papers.

So I declare that Marilyn Jasmine King has polled the number of votes greater than one half of those present and I formally declare that she has been elected this day as a *Juré-Justicier de la Cour Royale*.

455 By time-honoured custom and practice I shall now address Her Majesty's Sheriff and direct her formally to notify Miss King of her election and require her to attend the Royal Court to take the necessary oath.

460 *Madame le Prévôt de la Reine, veuillez, je vous prie, présenter mes compliments et mes félicitations à Madame King et lui faire part de son élection à la charge de Juré-Justicier de la Cour Royale. Priez-lui d'avoir l'obligeance de se présenter lundi, le huit octobre à neuf heures et demi du matin devant la Cour Royale siégeant en Cour afin que le serment attachant à telle charge lui soit administré.*

Thank you.

465 Members of the States of Election, thank you very much again for your attendance. As you know, this is a unique electoral college, which fills a very important contribution to the administration of justice in the Island, and I thank you very much for your attendance.

We now need to close this States of Election and we will resume, I suggest at five to eleven, as the States of Deliberation – that will just give 10 minutes. In 10 minutes' time we will resume as the States of Deliberation.

470 Thank you very much; and Greffier will you please recite the Grace.

**PRAYER**

*The Greffier*

*The States of Election adjourned at 10.45 a.m.*