

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

COMMITTEE *FOR* HOME AFFAIRS

**INDEPENDENT MONITORING PANEL:
NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATION**

The States are asked to decide: -

Whether, after consideration of the Policy Letter dated 8th June 2020, of the Committee *for* Home Affairs, they are of the opinion:

1. to note the resignation of Mrs Wendy Meade from the Independent Monitoring Panel with effect from 22nd May 2020.

The above Propositions have been submitted to Her Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications in accordance with Rule 4(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees.

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

8th June 2020

Dear Sir

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this Policy Letter is formally to notify the Assembly of the resignation of one of the Independent Monitoring Panel (“the Panel”) Members, Mrs Wendy Meade.
- 1.2. Mrs Meade was first appointed in 2007 and elected as the Chairperson in 2015. Due to a change in circumstances she has decided to step down.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Panel is an independent body made up of members of the public who make unannounced visits to Guernsey Prison. Members provide independent oversight of the day-to-day operations of the Prison and prison conditions, monitor the administration of the prison, the treatment of prisoners and whether the statutory objectives of the prison system are being met, and serve to protect the well-being of prisoners.
- 2.2. The Committee takes this opportunity again to put on record its sincere thanks and appreciation to all existing Panel Members for their continued dedication and commitment to their roles.

3. Resignation of Member

- 3.1. Schedule 3 of the Prison (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2013 ("The Ordinance")¹ states that *"The Panel is to consist of not less than four members"* and that *"a Panel Member may resign from office at any time by giving notice in writing to the Committee"*.
- 3.2. The Committee received notification of Mrs Meade's resignation on 22nd May 2020.
- 3.3. Schedule 3 of the Ordinance, states that *'The Committee must notify the States of the resignation or removal from office of the Chairman or any other Panel member at the first available opportunity'*.
- 3.4. Mrs Meade has been a Panel Member since 2007 and was appointed as Chair of the Panel by the States of Deliberation on 28th January 2015. She resigned as the Chair on 6th June 2018 and continued as an Ordinary Member.
- 3.5. The Committee would like to take this opportunity to put on public record its thanks and appreciation to Mrs Meade for her valuable contribution to the Panel for the last thirteen years. Mrs Meade has been committed and dedicated to the role and has been instrumental in building healthy working relationships between the Panel and the prison management.

4 Compliance with Rule 4

- 4.1 Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees sets out the information which must be included in, or appended to, motions laid before the States.
- 4.2 In accordance with Rule 4(4) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees, it is confirmed that the propositions above have the unanimous support of the Committee.
- 4.3 In accordance with Rule 4(5), the Propositions relate to the duties of the Committee to advise the States and to develop and implement policies on matters relating to its purpose including [...] imprisonment, parole, probation and rehabilitation.

Yours faithfully

M M Lowe
President

¹ [Prison \(Guernsey\) Ordinance, 2013](#)

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