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2011**

BILLET D'ÉTAT

TUESDAY 11th OCTOBER, 2011

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT –
RESIGNATION OF MINISTER
AND THREE MEMBERS**

B I L L E T D ' É T A T

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 TUESDAY, the 11TH OCTOBER, 2011**, immediately before the meeting already convened for 9.30 a.m, to consider the item contained in this Billet d'État which has been submitted for debate.

G. R. ROWLAND
Bailiff and Presiding Officer

The Royal Court House
Guernsey
7 October 2011

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**RESIGNATION OF MINISTER AND THREE MEMBERS**

Members of the States:

1. The Minister of the Education Department has written to me tendering her resignation as Minister of that Department.
2. Deputy A. Spruce, Deputy M. W. Collins and Deputy M. J. Fallaize have written to the Minister of the Education Department tendering their resignations as members of that Department.
3. A copy of each of their letters is appended hereto.
4. In accordance with those requests I lay appropriate propositions before the States for their consideration. Deputies Steere, Spruce, Collins and Fallaize have asked that their resignations be debated and there are, therefore, separate propositions asking the States to accept their resignations as Minister or Member of the Education Department and, if they are accepted, to elect a new Minister and three new Members.

G. R. ROWLAND
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The Presiding Officer
States of Deliberation
Royal Court House

30th September 2011

Sir,

I write to inform you that I wish my resignation as Education Minister to be placed before the States of Deliberation at the earliest opportunity for debate. I do this on the basis that I wish to seek the confidence of my colleagues with regard to the decisions and responses I provided on behalf of the Board, to the States of Deliberation, in response to questions in relation to the performance of the Island's High Schools at GCSE, 5 A*-C including English and maths.

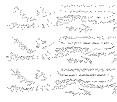
I intend to explain my position during that debate thus allowing Members of the Assembly the opportunity to consider whether they wish me to continue to serve as Minister of the Education Department.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Carol Steere

**STATES OF GUERNSEY**

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30th Sept 2011

Deputy Carol Steere
Education Minister
The States of Guernsey
St Peter Port
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Dear Carol

In the light of the Board's recent publication of GCSE results at the High Schools I am submitting my resignation to the Education Department and would wish this resignation to be debated by the Assembly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Collins', followed by a long, thin horizontal line extending to the right.

Deputy Mike Collins

Copy: Sir Geoffrey Rowland, Bailiff

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3rd October 2011

Deputy C. Steere,
Minister Education Department,
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Dear Deputy Steere,

You will be aware that I made a statement to the Assembly late on Friday 30th September offering my resignation as Deputy Minister of the Education Department.

That decision was not taken lightly, and followed similar decisions having been taken by yourself, Deputies Fallaize, and Deputy Collins during the day.

I sincerely believe that we have a first class Education Service in Guernsey, and that the vast majority of Schools and Students achieve exceptional results.

However as we are now aware, there has recently been a significant decline in academic achievement in two subject areas at two of our High Schools.

I therefore believe it is essential that a focused and speedy review is undertaken of the teaching methods, operational procedures, and policy guidelines being used at our three High Schools.

I also believe that the review should include a full appraisal of the effectiveness of the management links and processes that exist between the Education Department and the High Schools.

I would ask that my resignation be debated.

With regards,



Tony Spruce,
Deputy Minister,
Education Department



Deputy Matt Fallaize

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5th October, 2011

Dear Deputy Steere

You will recall that at the September meeting of the States of Deliberation I made a statement in which I advised that it was my intention to resign as a member of the Education Department.

I should be grateful if you would forward this letter of resignation in order that it may be included in a Billet d'État at the next available opportunity.

I confirm that I wish my resignation to be debated, although like yourself and other members of the Board I will be asking the Assembly to accept my resignation in order to cause an election and therefore afford the States a proper opportunity to determine the appropriate membership of the Education Department for the remaining months of this term of office.

Yours sincerely



Matt Fallaize

The States are asked:-

1. To accept the resignations of
 - (a) Deputy C. A. Steere as Minister of the Education Department;
 - (b)
 - (i) Deputy A. Spruce
 - (ii) Deputy M. W. Collins
 - (iii) Deputy M. J. Fallaize
 as Members of the Education Department.

2. To elect the following to serve until May 2012 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules relating to the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees
 - (a) a sitting Member of the States to complete the unexpired portion of the term of office of Deputy Steere as Minister of the Education Department;
 - (b) three sitting Members of the States to complete the unexpired terms of office of Deputies Spruce, Collins and Fallaize as Members of the Education Department.

(N.B.

Paragraph 7(3) of the Rules relating to the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees states:

If ... a Minister of a Department ... tenders his resignation from that office in a letter to the Presiding Officer, and does not include in that letter a request that the matter be debated by the States, his resignation shall automatically take effect on the election by the States of his successor.

Paragraph 7(7) of the Rules relating to the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees states:

If a member elected by the States to a Department ... tenders his resignation from that office in a letter to the Minister of the Department, ... and does not include in that letter a request that the matter be debated by the States, his resignation shall automatically take effect on the election by the States of a new member of that Department ... in his place.

In this case the Minister and the three Members have asked that the matter be debated.)

**IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY
ON THE 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011**

**The States resolved as follows concerning Billet d'État No XVIII
dated 7th October 2011**

**RESIGNATION OF MINISTER AND THREE MEMBERS
OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

1. (a) TO NEGATIVE THE PROPOSITION to accept the resignation of Deputy C. A. Steere as Minister of the Education Department.
- (b) (i) TO NEGATIVE THE PROPOSITION to accept the resignation of Deputy A. Spruce as a member of the Education Department.
- (ii) To accept the resignation of Deputy M. W. Collins as a Member of the Education Department.
- (iii) TO NEGATIVE THE PROPOSITION to accept the resignation of Deputy M. J. Fallaize as a member of the Education Department.
2. To elect Deputy J. M. Tasker to serve until May 2012 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules relating to the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees to complete the unexpired term of office of Deputy M. W. Collins as a Member of the Education Department.

**D J ROBILLIARD
HER MAJESTY'S DEPUTY GREFFIER**