

STATES OF JERSEY



STANDING ORDERS: PUBLICATION OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS (P.69/2011) – COMMENTS

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COMMENTS

The register of members' interests is maintained by the Greffier of the States in accordance with Standing Order 154. The register is readily accessible to members of the public, who can inspect it during office hours at the Information Centre in Morier House, Halkett Place, St. Helier.

The information contained within the register is likely to be of greatest interest to members' constituents, and of less interest world-wide; however, the Committee recognises that the [United Kingdom House of Commons](#); the [Scottish Parliament](#); the [National Assembly for Wales](#); [Eire](#) and the [States of Guernsey](#) all publish registers of members' interests online (see attached Appendix).

The Committee has received correspondence from a States member who is concerned that the online publication of the register of members' interests could have security implications for States members and their families. There are also concerns that the published information could be misused and that this might discourage people from standing for office. The view has been expressed that a risk management report and a review of the data protection implications should be undertaken prior to a decision being taken to publish the register online.

The Committee would not recommend the online publication of the current register of members' interests. Should the States adopt this proposition, the Committee considers that the move to online publication should only be made once the new Assembly has been sworn in, allowing those standing for election to take an informed decision in the full knowledge that the details they will be required to provide as elected members will be published on the Internet.

APPENDIX

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTEREST - WEBSITE AVAILABILITY

PARLIAMENT	Published on official	Remunerated directorships	Remunerated Employment	Clients	Sponsorship or other support	Gifts, benefits, hospitality	Travel	Land and property	Share holdings	Memberships	Legal instrument or Code
United Kingdom House of Commons	Yes	Amounts paid, number of hours worked, nature of the business and the name and address of the person/company concerned. The return should include taxable expenses, allowances or benefits. Unremunerated positions for a company associated with another company in which the member has a remunerated position must be declared.	Details including amount paid, nature of the work carried out, number of hours worked, and the name and address of the person/company concerned.	The provision of services to clients should be listed, with their name and the nature of their business. Where these services are provided to a consultancy, then the member must list any of the clients of the consultancy too who services/advice were supplied.	Any donation or other form of financial or material support amounting to more than £1,000 from a single source. Any agreement with a Member on the provision of services must be declared a where the value exceeds 1% of the member's salary.	Any gift to the member or their spouse or partner (of £200 or over and from a permissible source), which in any way relates to membership of the House or to a member's political activity, and whose value exceeds 1% of the parliamentary salary.	Relates to overseas travel, whose value exceeds 1% of the parliamentary salary, and where those cost was not wholly borne by the Minister or by UK public funds.	Any land or property, not being used for the purposes of the Member, the Member's spouse or partner, and of substantial value or from which a substantial income is derived. 'Substantial value' means greater than the parliamentary salary, and 'substantial income' means greater than 10% of the parliamentary salary.	Greater than 15% of the issued share capital of the company; or 15 per cent or less of the issued share capital, but greater in value than the parliamentary salary.	n/a	Resolution of the House of 22 May 1974, amended on 9 February 2009.
Scottish Parliament	Yes	Details of paid and voluntary directorships.	Full details of any employment, remunerated interviews (or donations in lieu of payment)	n/a	Personal sponsorship of events run by the member.	All gifts received, including one-off donations.	Travel as a Committee member - amounts relating to flights, meals, accommodation.	Details of heritable property. No details of principal dwelling.	The member or a relevant person holds shares where the nominal value is greater than 1% of the total nominal value of the issued share capital; or where the market value exceeds 50% of the member's salary (currently £28,760).	n/a	Scottish Parliament Act 2006 and Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament
National Assembly for Wales	Yes	Own and spouse directorships. Also membership or chairmanship of bodies in receipt of Assembly funds.	Details of own and spouse's employment.	Names of clients required.	Sponsorship that is more than 25% of the candidate's election expenses and ongoing financial support by any person or organisation.	Limit is 0.5% of basic gross annual salary as an Assembly member (currently £269).	Overseas visits by member/partner or dependent child.	Landed owned by member/partner or dependent child valued at more than the gross annual salary of a member (currently £53,852) or from which the member derives an income of more than 10% of the gross annual salary (currently £5,385).	Companies or bodies in which the member/partner or dependent child has a beneficial interest in shares which either have a market value greater than 1% of the issued share capital; or have a value exceeding 50% of the basic gross annual salary (currently £28,760).	Membership by member/partner or dependent child, paid or unpaid, or any body funded wholly or in part by the Assembly. Membership of a private club or society which has entry requirements for membership.	Section 36 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 and Standing Order 31.

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Eire	Yes	Member's directorships or shadow directorships.	Any occupation the remuneration from which exceeded €2,600.	Contracts exceeding €6,500.	n/a	n/a	Money or other property exceeding €650.	Exceeding €650.	Freehold or leasehold interests exceeding €13,000.	Exceeding €13,000.	n/a	Ethics in Public Office Acts, 1995 and 2001.
States of Guernsey	Yes	Name and registered office of companies where directorships are held.	Name and address of employer and nature of employment or office.	n/a	n/a	n/a	Any assets or interest held or enjoyed by any close members of family or by any company in which the member has a controlling interest which might be thought to influence the members' conduct as a member of the States.	n/a	Material interest in real property situated in the Bailiwick (other than principal residence) held by member/member's spouse/ infant children or a company in which the member has a controlling interest.	Where the member/member's spouse/infant children or a company in which the member has a controlling interest is beneficially entitled to 10% or more of the issued share capital of, or a material interest in, a limited liability company.	n/a	Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and Schedule I.
States of Jersey	No	Name and address of any organisations from whom the member receives any remuneration or benefit by virtue of being a director or a partner.	Name and address of any person, company, trust, professional association, union, political party or other organization from whom the member receives any remuneration or benefit by virtue of being employed or the holder of an office.	n/a	Name and address of any person who provides sponsorship. Any other interest or benefit which the elected member or his spouse or cohabitee receives which might influence the members' actions as an elected member.	Name and address of any person (apart from the States or any administration of the States) who pays all or part of the costs of a visit made outside Jersey by the elected member or his or her spouse or cohabitee if the member or his or her spouse or cohabitee visit is, in any way, related to their membership of the States.	Name and address who gives the elected member, or his or her spouse or cohabitee, any gift, hospitality or other benefit which has a monetary value greater than 1% of the member's salary.	Name and address of any person (apart from the States or any administration of the States) who pays all or part of the costs of a visit made outside Jersey by the elected member or his or her spouse or cohabitee if the member or his or her spouse or cohabitee visit is, in any way, related to their membership of the States.	A description of any land sufficient to identify it, which is wholly owned, or jointly owned with another person by or on behalf of the elected member or his or her spouse or cohabitee; or by or on behalf of the elected member and his or her spouse or cohabitee jointly.	Name and address of any company in which the member/the member's spouse or cohabitee, or both of them, whether jointly or separately, own shares exceeding 1% or more of the issued share capital of the company or £25,000 in value.	n/a	Standing Orders 152-154 and Schedule 2.