

# STATES OF JERSEY



## COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY: RESIGNATION OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL (P.68/2012) – AMENDMENT

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Lodged au Greffe on 4th September 2012  
by Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré of St. Lawrence

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**PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (b) –**

After the words “Chief Minister” insert the words “in conjunction with the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee”.

DEPUTY J.A.N. LE FONDRÉ OF ST. LAWRENCE

## **REPORT**

It should be understood that I support the principles of the main proposition.

This is meant to be a very simple amendment.

Within the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005 a number of matters concerning the post of Comptroller and Auditor General (“CAG”) (rightly) require the joint agreement of both the Chief Minister and the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (“PAC”), including appointment and removal.

It therefore seems reasonable to me that the Chairman of PAC should be involved to the same extent in any Committee of Inquiry, concerning the establishment of the Terms of Reference and determining the membership of that Committee.

The post of CAG is one of the most important roles that we have in terms of checks and balances, and looking after the interests of the wider public and the Island vis à vis the functions of the States of Jersey and the services it provides.

It is therefore imperative that any investigation into the resignation of the CAG, including perhaps determination as to whether criticisms regarding reports produced by the CAG are valid or not, should include similar checks and balances to when he/she is appointed or removed, i.e. the interaction of **both** the Chief Minister and the Chairman of PAC.

I trust members will support this view.

### **Financial and manpower implications**

There are no anticipated financial or manpower implications arising from this proposed amendment.