

# STATES OF JERSEY



## JERSEY LAW COMMISSION: APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER

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Lodged au Greffe on 3rd September 2013  
by the Chief Minister

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STATES GREFFE

## **PROPOSITION**

**THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –**

to refer to their Act, dated 30th July 1996, in which they approved the establishment of a Jersey Law Commission, and to appoint Mr. Andrew Philip Le Sueur as Commissioner of the Jersey Law Commission for a period of 5 years with immediate effect.

CHIEF MINISTER

## REPORT

The States, by Act dated 30th July 1996, adopted a Proposition of the Legislation Committee and approved the establishment of a Jersey Law Commission.

The Commission is an independent body that works in close consultation with the Legislation Advisory Panel, which organises its funding and acts as its channel of communication with the States. The Commission's role is to identify aspects of Jersey law which it considers should be examined with a view to their development and reform, including in particular the elimination of anomalies, the repeal of obsolete and unnecessary enactments, the reductions of the number of separate enactments and generally the simplification and modernisation of the law.

Mr. Andrew Philip Le Sueur is being appointed as an additional Commissioner. There is evidence that there is a sufficient workload that calls for an additional Commissioner to be appointed.

The Chief Minister therefore nominates Mr. Andrew Philip Le Sueur to be appointed to serve as Commissioner of the Jersey Law Commission for a period of 5 years with immediate effect.

### **Andrew Philip Le Sueur**

Andrew Philip Le Sueur was born in Jersey in 1964 and was educated at Trinity, Les Quennevais and Hautlieu Schools.

He graduated from the University of London (London School of Economics) in 1986 with a LLB Hons. degree (first class). He qualified as a barrister and completed pupillage. He has taught at UCL (1988–2000), at the University of Birmingham as Barber Professor of Jurisprudence (2001–2006), at Queen Mary, University of London (2006–2013) and since August 2013 he has been Professor of Constitutional Justice at the University of Essex. His publications include *de Smith's Judicial Review* (7th Edition, 2013) with Lord Woolf and Sir Jeffrey Jowell, Q.C.

Professor Le Sueur has taken a leading role in setting up the Institute of Law in Jersey, acting as director of studies (2009–13).

Alongside his academic career, he has a small private practice at the English Bar (mostly advising on draft legislation and constitutional, administrative law and human rights issues) and was elected a Bencher of Middle Temple in 2011. He was the legal adviser to the House of Lords Constitution Committee (2009–11) and has served as a specialist adviser for several House of Lords and House of Commons select committee inquiries.

### **Financial and manpower implications**

There are no additional financial or manpower implications for the States arising from this Proposition.