

STATES OF JERSEY



JERSEY OVERSEAS AID COMMISSION: RE-APPOINTMENT OF NON-STATES COMMISSIONER

Lodged au Greffe on 31st January 2014
by Senator P.F. Routier

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

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

to appoint, in accordance with paragraph 7.4 of the Constitution of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission as set out in Schedule 1 to the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission (Jersey) Law 2005, Mr. Geoffrey George Crill as a non-States Commissioner for a further period of 3 years.

SENATOR P.F. ROUTIER

REPORT

The Jersey Overseas Aid Commission (Jersey) Law 2005 requires the Chairman, in making nominations, to use his or her best endeavours *“to ensure that the Commissioners shall be a diverse and balanced group of people in terms of gender, age, experience and skills, who share a commitment to the promotion of the objects of the Commission”*. In meeting that statutory requirement, non-States Commissioners with a range of backgrounds and professional qualifications were appointed when the Commission was first established.

The present States Commissioners are, in addition to myself as Chairman: the Connétable of St. Martin and Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville; and non-States Commissioners are Messrs. G.G. Crill and P.D. Le Seilleur and Mrs. T. Roberts. Mr. Crill’s current (second) 3 year term of office expired on 20th January 2014.

Members are advised that, in order to ensure that the original appointment of the non-States Commissioners was made in a fair and transparent manner, the selection process was undertaken in accordance with the procedures for such appointments established by the Jersey Appointments Commission. As outlined in Schedule 1 of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission (Jersey) Law 2005, paragraph 5.5: *“A person who has been a Commissioner is eligible for reappointment as a Commissioner”*. I should like to confirm the Jersey Appointments Commission’s support for the nominee now being put forward for a third term, Mr. Geoffrey Crill. Mr. Crill’s hard work, dedication and contribution to the work of the Commission has been notable, and his commitment to overseas aid has proved an asset since his appointment to the Commission. A short biography of Mr. Crill is attached as an **Appendix** to this Report. In accordance with the Law, this appointment will be for a 3 year period.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no financial or manpower implications arising from this proposition.

APPENDIX

Mr. Geoffrey George Crill

Mr. Crill was born in Jersey in 1950, and qualified as a solicitor of the Royal Court in 1977. He was a partner of Crill Cubitt Sowden and Tomes (latterly Crills), and co-founded the firm of Crill Canavan in 1992. He was senior partner of that firm until his retirement at the end of 2009, but remains a consultant to the firm (in its current guise of Collas Crill). Mr. Crill was Chairman of the Parents' Action Group for Education from 1995 to 1996, and a trustee of Jersey Heritage Trust from 2004 to 2010. He was a member of the Panel appointed by the States and headed by Lord Robert Carswell, which reported on the role of the Bailiff and the Law Officers, in 2010. He has been a member of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission since 2008 and currently chairs the Audit and Risk Review Sub-Committee of the Commission. Mr. Crill has had personal involvement with charitable work in India, Sudan and Mali. He was appointed a member of the States of Jersey Complaints Panel on 8th October 2013.