

STATES OF JERSEY



JERSEY OVERSEAS AID COMMISSION: APPOINTMENT OF NON-STATES COMMISSIONER

**Lodged au Greffe on 3rd August 2015
by the Deputy of Grouville**

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

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

to appoint Mr. Douglas Melville as a non-States Commissioner of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission until 4th March 2017, in accordance with clause 7.6 of the Constitution of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission as set out in Schedule 1 to the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission (Jersey) Law 2005.

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REPORT

Introduction

Following the establishment of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission (Jersey) Law 2005, I should like to remind members that the Law 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”*. The present States Commissioners are, in addition to myself as Chairman, Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier, Connétable M.P.S. Le Troquer of St. Martin; and non-States Commissioners Mrs. T. Roberts and Mr. P.D. Le Seilleur.

Selection process

Members are advised that in order to ensure that this new appointment of a non-States Commissioner has been 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, with Mr. Richard Plaster, Commissioner, involved at every stage in the selection process. I should like to confirm that Mr. Plaster has endorsed the Jersey Appointments Commission’s support for the nominee, Mr. Douglas Melville. Mr. Melville will replace Mr. Geoffrey Crill, who has resigned from the Commission; and in accordance with the provisions of clause 7.8 of the Constitution, Mr. Melville’s initial term of office will be to complete the remaining balance of Mr. Crill’s term, namely, until 4th March 2017.

Mr. Douglas Melville: background to appointment

Mr. Melville is currently the first Channel Islands Financial Services Ombudsman for Jersey and Guernsey. He has many years’ experience in overseas aid in many different capacities. He began his career with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in the 1980s and worked on field assignments, including project planning and evaluation, in over 10 countries throughout Africa and the Middle East. He worked at CIDA headquarters co-ordinating information and analysis during the African famine crisis. He has remained actively involved, through volunteer activities including board governance, advocacy, fund-raising and field missions in Eritrea, Ethiopia and Kenya. Through work in financial services, he has participated in technical co-operation missions to Sri Lanka, Trinidad, Jamaica, China, Malaysia, and 5 countries situated in Central America. In the aftermath of the 2004 Tsunami, he was sent as a volunteer to conduct an assessment for the option of monetary and technical assistance to rebuild the co-operative financial sector that was devastated. Mr. Melville is also involved as a volunteer expert in training workshops in several developing countries, through the World Bank and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Financial and manpower implications

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