

STATES OF JERSEY



FUTURE AMBULANCE, FIRE & RESCUE HEADQUARTERS: COMMEMORATING THE SERVICE OF CONNÉTABLE LEN NORMAN

**Lodged au Greffe on 1st December 2021
by the Minister for Home Affairs
Earliest date for debate: 18th January 2022**

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PROPOSITION

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

That the proposed future Ambulance, Fire & Rescue Headquarters, wherever it may be located, should be named in honour of the late Connétable Len Norman of St Clement and his record of public service.

MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS

REPORT

Len Norman dedicated over 37 years of his life in service to the island. During this time, he served the public of Jersey, and his constituents in the Parish of St Clement, with dedication, wisdom, and decency.

He was one of only two individuals to have served as a Deputy, Senator and Connétable over the course of his long career in the States. During this time, he served on and presided over many committees, and his impact on our island life has, without question, been vast.

In recent years, Members will know that he served as Minister for Home Affairs. I was fortunate to be his Assistant Minister during this time and am humbled to have been nominated by the Chief Minister and elected by the Assembly to succeed him as Minister.

As Minister for Home Affairs, he was a passionate and forthright advocate for all the services for which he was responsible and in particular our emergency services. It was a position that he had not expected to take on, and yet one that he was extremely devoted to, and enjoyed immensely.

It had been his intention to deliver a new, purpose-built Headquarters, Station and training facility for the Ambulance and Fire and Rescue Services to operate from.

Notwithstanding recent discussion and debate over the most appropriate site for a new Ambulance, Fire & Rescue Headquarters, the need for new facilities for these services is well established.

It is my belief that naming a new Headquarters, wherever it may be built, in Len's honour is a fitting way to honour his service to our island, and particularly the impact he made as Minister for Home Affairs.

Financial and manpower implications

It is not anticipated that this decision will have any financial and manpower implications beyond those already considered as part of the capital project to deliver a new combined Ambulance, Fire & Rescue Headquarters.