

STATES OF JERSEY



JERSEY OVERSEAS AID COMMISSION: RE-APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER

Lodged au Greffe on 2nd May 2023
by the Minister for International Development
Earliest date for debate: 13th June 2023

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

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

to appoint Mr. Douglas Melville as a non-States Commissioner for a further period of 3 years, in accordance with clause 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.

MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

REPORT

The Jersey Overseas Aid Commission is comprised of three States Commissioners and three non-States Commissioners. The three non-States Commissioners are non-political and bring a wide range of experience, qualification and expertise.

The present States Commissioners are, in addition to Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville as Chairman – Connétable P.B. Le Sueur of Trinity and Deputy S. Ahier of St. Helier North; and the non-States Commissioners are Mr. D. Melville, Mr. A. Calvert and Ms. T. Morel.

Mr. Melville has served as a non-States Commissioner since August 2015. Since 2018, Mr. Melville has served as Vice-Chair of the Commission. Mr. Melville’s current term of office expires on 1st June 2023. By June 2023, he will have served for a total of seven years and five months.

The Non-States Commissioners all serve in an honorary capacity and give many hours of their time freely to assist the work of the Commission. We would like to thank Mr. Melville for agreeing to continue to offer his considerable expertise to the Commission for a further term.

The Law requires the appointment to be for a 3 year term. Mr Melville has given a written commitment of his intention to resign from office in January 2025 (after 9 years of service) by which time a suitable successor will have been appointed in accordance with governance best practice guidance and paragraph 7.3 of Schedule 1 to the [Jersey Overseas Aid Commission \(Jersey\) Law 2005](#).

Douglas Melville

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 in Central America. In the aftermath of the 2004 Tsunami, he was sent as a volunteer to conduct an assessment for potential monetary and technical assistance to rebuild the co-operative financial sector that was devastated. Mr. Melville has been involved as a consultant and volunteer expert in over a dozen developing countries through the World Bank and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (“OECD”).

Financial and manpower implications

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