

# **STATES OF JERSEY**



## **MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: MINISTERS AND ASSISTANT MINISTERS**

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by the Chief Minister**

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**STATES GREFFE**

## REPORT

In accordance with Article 30 of the States of Jersey Law, the Chief Minister is required to '*establish, maintain and publish a list of Ministers and Assistant Ministers and the functions exercisable by each of them and by the Chief Minister personally.*'

The responsibilities of Assistant Ministers have now been assigned, and I am pleased therefore to be publishing this list for the information of States members and the public.

Details of the responsibilities are given below in alphabetical order of department –

### **Chief Minister**

The Chief Minister is the chairman of the Council of Ministers and, in this connection, is responsible for ensuring that the Council agrees on a draft Strategic Plan for lodging within 4 months of taking office. The Chief Minister also has political responsibility for a range of matters including international relations, constitutional issues (including relations with the U.K. government), States staffing (through his chairmanship of the States Employment Board), statistics, and the Law Draftsman's Office.

There are 2 Assistant Ministers, and they have been assigned responsibility in the following areas –

#### Connétable Ken Vibert ('Outward-facing' responsibilities)

- International Relations – with France  
– sanctions
- Legislation Advisory Panel (Chairman)
- Relations with the Parishes

#### Deputy Ian Gorst ('Inward-facing' responsibilities)

- IT matters
- Population Office and Migration Policy
- Customer Services (Contact Centre and Customer Standards across States)
- Business Planning, Performance Management/Change Programme (across the States)
- Departmental Budget
- Joint Councils, i.e., Manual Workers Joint Council, Civil Service Joint Council, Nurses and Midwives Joint Council

In connection with the Legislation Advisory Panel, it is planned that a report and proposition will shortly be lodged 'au Greffe' to seek States approval to the appointment of members.

### **Economic Development**

Senator Philip Ozouf, Minister for Economic Development, is responsible for all areas of economic policy and development in Jersey, including finance, tourism, and fisheries. He also maintains an overview of policies that may affect the harbours and the airport, air and sea links, and postal and telecommunications services, together with consumer and regulatory services.

There are 2 Assistant Ministers, and they have been assigned responsibility in the following areas –

Deputy Alan Maclean:  
Jersey Harbours  
Airport

Gambling legislation  
E-commerce (shared with Senator Ozouf)

Connétable Geoff Fisher:

Postal services  
Agriculture/dairy sector  
Finance (shared with Senator Ozouf)

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## **Education, Sport and Culture**

Senator Mike Vibert, Minister for Education, Sport, and Culture, is responsible for education, sport, and culture in Jersey, and his responsibilities include –

- Pre-School Education
- Child Care Registration
- Schools and Colleges
- Private School registration
- Higher Education
- Sport and leisure

There are 2 Assistant Ministers, and they have been assigned responsibility in the following areas –

Deputy Carolyn Labey:

- Culture including liaison with cultural organisations funded through ESC
- Library Service
- Instrumental Music Service

Deputy Ben Fox:

- Youth Service
- Appeals against school placements and Higher Education Awards

## **Health and Social Services**

Senator Stuart Syvret, Minister for Health and Social Services, is responsible for health and social services in Jersey, and in this capacity he is supported by one Assistant Minister, Deputy Celia Scott Warren.

Deputy Scott Warren provides a general supporting role across the ministerial portfolio.

## **Home Affairs**

Senator Wendy Kinnard, Minister for Home Affairs, is responsible for a wide range of areas relating to home affairs. Senator Kinnard has taken specific responsibility for the following areas –

- States of Jersey Police
- H.M. Prison
- Criminal Justice policy
- Driver and Vehicle Standards (i.e. until the proposed transfer to Transport and Technical Services comes into effect)

There is one Assistant Minister, Deputy Andrew Lewis, and he has been given responsibility for the following areas –

- Fire and Rescue Service
- Customs and Immigration
- Jersey Field Squadron
- Superintendent Registrar
- Firearms Law Liaison Group (Chairman)

## **Housing**

Senator Terry Le Main, Minister for Housing, has political responsibility for a range of matters relating to housing, including housing control, social housing, and estates management.

The Assistant Minister for Housing, Deputy Jacqui Hilton, has a specific responsibility for considering appeals under the Housing Law. In the event that an appeal should be rejected by the Assistant Minister, the appellant has a further right of appeal to the Housing Minister, and ultimately to the Royal Court.

## **Planning and Environment**

Senator Freddie Cohen, Minister for Planning and Environment, has responsibility for all planning and building control matters. He is also responsible for Jersey's environment in a wider sense, including environmental policy and regulation, and water resources and waste management regulation.

There is one Assistant Minister, Connétable Richard Dupré, who is the Chairman of the Planning Applications Panel.

## **Social Security**

Senator Paul Routier, Minister for Social Security, has political responsibility for the Island's social security system.

In this capacity, the Minister is supported by Deputy Peter Troy, who has specific responsibility for liaison with advisory councils, namely the Health and Safety Council, the Employment Forum, and the Social Security Advisory Council.

## **Transport and Technical Services**

Deputy Guy de Faye, Minister for Transport and Technical Services, has political responsibility for a range of matters, including waste management, parks and gardens, main roads maintenance and management, and on-Island transport policy. It is planned that Driver and Vehicle Standards, which is currently in Home Affairs, will shortly be transferred to Transport and Technical Services, and the legislation to enable this transfer is currently being prepared.

The Assistant Minister, Deputy Jacqui Huet, provides a general supporting role across the range of ministerial responsibilities.

## **Treasury and Resources**

Senator Terry Le Sueur, Minister for Treasury and Resources, has political responsibility for the Island's public finances, together with States property matters and States manpower levels. He is also the Deputy Chief Minister.

There is one Assistant Minister, Deputy John Le Fondré, who has specific responsibility for property matters.

At a more general level, the Assistant Ministers have taken part in the discussions on the new Strategic Plan, which is to be lodged 'au Greffe' at the beginning of April. In addition, Assistant Ministers are invited to attend the Council of Ministers when subjects relating to their areas of responsibility are under discussion.

### **Future amendments**

The States will be kept informed of any future amendments to the list, and this will be done either as a statement to the Assembly or by the publication of a further 'R'.