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# **STATES OF JERSEY**



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

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**STATES GREFFE**

## REPORT

In accordance with Article 30A of the States of Jersey Law 2005, 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.'*

Details of the responsibilities are given below in order of Department –

### **Chief Minister's Department**

The Chief Minister, Senator I.J. Gorst, is the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. In this role he is responsible for co-ordinating the work of the Council and ensuring that it agrees on a draft Strategic Plan for lodging within 4 months of being appointed.

The Chief Minister also has political responsibility for a range of matters, including –

- International affairs
- Constitutional issues and relations with the UK Government
- The Population Office
- The States Employment Board
- The Statistics Unit and the Law Draftsman's Office.

Senator B.I. Le Marquand has been appointed Deputy Chief Minister.

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

Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache is responsible for the Island's external affairs and for engagement both internationally and with the UK government. In this role he provides assistance to the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister in developing the Island's external relations. He is also Chairman of the Legislation Advisory Panel (LAP).

Senator P.F. Routier is responsible for the Island's migration policy and will assume functions relating to migration and population. He is also responsible for developing and co-ordinating social policy across the States.

### **Economic Development Department**

The Minister for Economic Development, Senator A.J.H. Maclean, is responsible for all areas of economic policy and development in Jersey, including –

- Finance
- Tourism
- Fisheries, and agriculture

The Minister for Economic Development also oversees the following –

- Jersey Business Limited – supporting new and established businesses
- Digital Jersey – promoting technology and innovation

- Locate Jersey – encouraging Inward Investment and developing international trade
- Skills Jersey – promoting work-related skills training.

He also maintains political oversight of the harbours and the airport (including air and sea links), Financial Services (JFSC), postal and telecommunications services, and consumer and regulatory services (Trading Standards).

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

Deputy J.P.G. Baker of St. Helier: Harbours and Airport

Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville: Agriculture and Fisheries

### **Education, Sport and Culture Department**

Deputy P.J.D. Ryan of St. John, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, has political responsibility for education, sport, and culture in Jersey. His responsibilities include –

- Pre-School Education
- Child Care Registration
- Schools and Colleges
- Private School Registration
- Higher Education.

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

Deputy R.G. Bryans of St. Helier: Culture and Youth

Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour: Sport.

### **Department of the Environment**

Deputy R.C. Duhamel of St. Saviour, the Minister for Planning and Environment, is the political leader of the Department of the Environment. In this role he is responsible for a number of environmental matters, including –

- Environmental Management and the Rural Economy
- Environment Policy and Awareness
- Environment Protection and Regulation
- Planning Policy
- Development and Building Control
- Historic Environment
- Veterinary Services
- Meteorological Services.

Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville has been appointed as Assistant Minister, providing support to the Minister, focussing on Rural Affairs.

### **Health and Social Services Department**

The Minister for Health and Social Services, Deputy A.E. Pryke of Trinity, is responsible for the Island's health and social well-being. In this role she is responsible for –

- Reform of the current health and social care system in Jersey
- Provision of a wide array of hospital services
- Monitoring and improvement of the quality of all health and social care related services
- Education and development of medical professionals
- Provision of a co-ordinated approach to mental health care
- Offering psychological/psychiatric support services
- Provision of social care and support in the community in care or respite homes or day centres for vulnerable Islanders, including children, adults and older adults
- Influencing and creating conditions which allow people to improve their health
- Advising about the maintenance of a safe and healthy environment
- Enforcement of public health regulations
- Monitoring of health-related environmental issues
- Prevention and control of infectious diseases
- The care of Jersey's Looked After Children (those who are in the care of the Minister, for example, in foster care, or in a children's home either in Jersey or the UK).

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

Connétable J.M. Refault of St. Peter: political oversight specifically of Hospital and Property matters.

Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier: responsibility for children who are in the care of Health and Social Services.

### **Home Affairs Department**

The Minister for Home Affairs, Senator B.I. Le Marquand, has political responsibility for all the departments that come under the Home Affairs 'umbrella'. These are principally, but not exclusively, front-line, uniformed services. The departments that form part of Home Affairs are –

- States of Jersey Police
- States of Jersey Fire and Rescue Service
- Jersey Customs and Immigration Service
- Jersey Prison Service
- Office of the Superintendent Registrar

- Jersey Field Squadron (Jersey's Territorial Army unit)
- Home Affairs Executive, which includes the 'Building a Safer Society Strategy'.

The Minister for Home Affairs is responsible for bringing forward policy and legislation relating to the various departments that come under Home Affairs; and also for such subjects as criminal justice, explosives, firearms, sexual offences, community safety, independent custody visitors and vetting and barring.

The Assistant Minister for Home Affairs is Senator L.J. Farnham. He is the first point of ministerial contact for matters relating to –

- Jersey Prison Service
- Jersey Fire and Rescue Service.

### **Housing Department**

The Minister for Housing, Deputy A.K.F. Green, M.B.E. of St. Helier, has political responsibility for all matters relating to housing policy, including housing control, social housing, encouraging home ownership, and estates management.

Responsibilities include –

- Determining the housing policy
- Managing a capital development programme to create new, and upgrade existing, accommodation to meet the decent homes standard
- Encouraging home ownership
- Managing the States' rental waiting and transfer lists to ensure fair treatment for everyone; including the nomination of prospective tenants to local housing trusts.

Connétable J.M. Refault of St. Peter has been appointed as Assistant Minister for Housing and has delegated authority to act on behalf of the Minister for Housing if he is unavailable.

### **Social Security Department**

The Minister for Social Security, Senator F. du H. Le Gresley, has political responsibility for the Island's social security system, income support benefits and a number of employment issues, including employment legislation and providing support for people looking for employment.

Main responsibilities include –

- Administering contribution, benefit and pension schemes so that people in Jersey can have an acceptable standard of living
- Providing support for people looking for employment
- Providing assistance and coaching for people with special employment needs through our Workwise scheme
- Administering employment services.

Deputy S.J. Pinel of St. Clement has been appointed as Assistant Minister and has delegated authority to act on behalf of the Minister for Social Security if he is unavailable.

### **Transport and Technical Services Department**

The Minister for Transport and Technical Services, Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour, has responsibility for minimizing the impact of waste on the environment, developing on-Island travel networks that meet the needs of the community and providing well maintained public amenities and infrastructure.

Responsibilities include –

- Provision of sustainable and efficient waste management facilities
- Development and operation of schemes for waste minimization and recycling
- Provision, management and maintenance of the foul and surface water sewerage system
- Treatment and disposal of the Island's liquid waste
- Management of the main road network
- Monitoring and management of public transport
- Management of traffic systems
- Provision and management of parking facilities
- Ensuring motor vehicles are roadworthy and drivers competent
- Maintenance and cleaning of public spaces, amenities, structures and sea defences
- Provision and maintenance of formal parks, gardens, open spaces and amenity areas.

Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré of St. Lawrence has been appointed as Assistant Minister and has delegated authority to act on behalf of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services if he is unavailable.

### **Treasury and Resources Department**

The Minister for Treasury and Resources, Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, has political responsibility for the Island's public finances. In summary the role covers –

- Monitoring, implementation and review of taxation
- Setting and monitoring of States budgets
- Drafting and publishing of financial policies
- The review of all States activities and spending to ensure resources are being applied in the most effective way
- Representation of the States in publicly-owned companies
- Corporate procurement.

The Assistant Minister, Deputy E.J. Noel of St. Lawrence, provides a supporting role for Treasury and Resources Ministerial responsibilities; he is responsible for Jersey Property Holdings and has delegated authority to act on behalf of the Minister for Treasury and Resources if he is unavailable.

In summary the role of Jersey Property Holdings covers –

- The provision of ‘fit for purpose’ and affordable accommodation for States’ Departments.
- Rationalisation and consolidation of the States property portfolio.

You can find out more information about the role of Ministers and the work of each States Department on the States website.

[www.gov.je/Government/Departments/](http://www.gov.je/Government/Departments/)

The Chief Minister’s Department also maintains an Internet-based list of the functions delegated by each Minister.

[www.gov.je/Government/HowGovernmentWorks/Pages/DelegatedFunctions.aspx](http://www.gov.je/Government/HowGovernmentWorks/Pages/DelegatedFunctions.aspx)