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F. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS

Selection of Ministers.

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Explanatory Note regarding the selection and appointment processes

(Item F)

Selection of Ministers

The Chief Minister designate, in accordance with Standing Order 117(2), has given notice of the following nominations for the 10 ministerial offices that he will make in the order shown –

Health and Social Services	Deputy T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour
Justice and Home Affairs	Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier North
Children and Education	Connétable R. Vibert of St. Peter
Housing and Communities	Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South
Social Security	Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central
International Development	Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville and St. Martin
Infrastructure	Connétable A.N. Jehan of St. John
Environment	Deputy S.G. Luce of Grouville and St. Martin
Sustainable Economic Development	Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity
Treasury and Resources	Deputy M.E. Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity
External Relations	Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter

The Chief Minister designate has, in accordance with Standing Order 117(2B) provided an explanatory note about his nominations (see Appendix).

At the meeting, the Presiding Officer will invite the Chief Minister designate to make each of the nominations in turn. Following each nomination, the Presiding Officer will invite members to nominate alternative candidates for appointment to the ministerial office concerned. If there are no alternative nominations, the member nominated by the Chief Minister designate will speak for up to 10 minutes followed by a 20-minute question period; after which the member nominated by the Chief Minister designate will be selected for appointment.

If more than one member is nominated, the Presiding Officer will invite each candidate to speak for up to 10 minutes followed by a 20-minute question period. The candidates will speak in the order in which they are nominated, meaning that the Chief Minister designate's nominee will always speak first. During the speeches and question period other candidates must withdraw from the Chamber to a place where they cannot hear the proceedings.

After the candidates have spoken and been questioned, a recorded vote will be held. If there are no more than two candidates for a ministerial position, members will be required to use the electronic voting system to cast their vote to enable the manner in which members have voted to be read out. If there are more than two candidates, an open ballot will take place. In each case, once a candidate has obtained a majority of the votes cast in the recorded vote, he or she will be appointed to the relevant ministerial office.

If during the selection process the States select a candidate who is not the Chief Minister designate's nominee, the Chief Minister designate will be able, if he wishes, to amend the list of nominees for the remaining ministerial offices and, in doing so, he may also amend the order in which he wishes the remaining nominations to be made. The States must nevertheless be informed at every stage of the full list of remaining nominations being made by the Chief Minister designate.

In accordance with Article 19(7) of the States of Jersey Law 2005, once the last Minister has been selected, the Chief Minister designate and the persons selected are appointed to ministerial office.



Appendix – Explanatory Note on Chief Minister designate’s proposed candidates

The Chief Minister designate intends to appoint Deputy Tom Binet as his Deputy Chief Minister.

The Chief Minister designate also proposes to make the following changes to the Ministerial Offices:

1. The replacement of the existing office of “Minister for Children and Education” with two new dedicated ministries, a “Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning” and a “Minister for Children”. Having dedicated Ministers for each of these areas best serves Jersey, supporting a greater focus on each.

This will require an Order to be drafted under Article 29A of the States of Jersey Law 2005, and this work is commencing immediately.

In the meantime, the Connétable of St. Peter will be nominated to the existing role of Minister for Children and Education, and as soon as the Order is given effect, Deputy Rob Ward will be nominated as Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning.

2. The transfer of responsibility for Financial Services from the Chief Minister to the Minister for External Relations, bringing together these responsibilities under one Minister.