JERSEY LAW COMMISSION: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Presented to the States on 24th October 2000 by the Legislation Committee and lodged au Greffe by Senator S. Syvret



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PROPOSITION

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

to refer to their Act, dated 30th July 1996, in which they approved the establishment of a Jersey Law Commission, and to appoint Mr. David Oswald Moon, Solicitor, as Chairman for a period of five years with effect from 15th November 2000 in place of Advocate Keith Sherwood Baker.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

REPORT

The States, by Act dated 30th July 1996, adopted a proposition of the Legislation Committee and approved the establishment of a Jersey Law Commission. They also appointed the following persons to act as its Chairman and members -

Advocate Keith Sherwood Baker, Chairman Jurat Donald Edward Le Boutillier Mr. David Lyons

On 9th December 1997 the States approved the appointment of the following additional Members to the Commission -

Advocate William James Bailhache Mr. David Oswald Moon

On 8th February 2000 the States approved the appointment of the following additional Members to the Commission for a period of five years with effect from 8th February 2000 -

Advocate John Gerald Patrick Wheeler Advocate Alan Richard Binnington Mr. Clive Aubrey Charles Chaplin

During 2000, the Law Commission has seen the departure of Advocate Bailhache, who assumed the office of H.M. Attorney General earlier in the year, and will soon see the retirement of Jurat Le Boutillier, and Advocate Baker, the existing Chairman.

The Law Commission's current activities and pilot topics are set to continue under the Chairmanship of Mr. Moon, who has been proposed as Advocate Baker's successor, when he retires on 15th November 2000.

The Committee is particularly grateful to Advocate Baker, who, during his term as Chairman, has been committed to the work of the Law Commission.

The Committee recommends that Mr. Moon be appointed to serve as Chairman, Jersey Law Commission, for a period of five years with effect from 15th November 2000 -

Mr. David Oswald Moon, Solicitor

David Moon is a local man, married with five children. He was educated at Hautlieu School. He commenced employ with Mourant du Feu & Jeune as a junior clerk in 1956, was appointed a Solicitor of the Royal Court in 1966 and became a partner of Mourant du Feu & Jeune in 1967. Mr. Moon was appointed Senior Partner in 1985 and retired in September 1998. Mr Moon's area of law is wide-ranging and includes international and commercial affairs and locally the areas of property, succession, family law etc. He has particular pre-eminence in the area of funds law.

Mr. Moon was appointed a Commissioner of the Jersey Law Commission in December 1997. He has held many honorary posts on local Committees including the Institute of Directors, President of Jersey Solicitors, Chairman of Governors of Hautlieu School and Secretary of Les Vaux Housing Trust.