STATES AUDIT COMMISSION: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

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PROPOSITION

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

to re-appoint Mr. Timothy Dunningham as Chairman of the States Audit Commission for a further period of two years.

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Report

The States will recall that, at the meeting held on 2nd May 2000, they approved the appointment of Mr. Timothy Dunningham as Chairman of the States Audit Commission for a period of twelve months.

This was considered to be an interim arrangement pending the implementation of the "Strategic Review of Audit Arrangements within the States of Jersey", undertaken by Mr. Noel Hepworth, and which recommended fundamental changes to the way in which audit will be provided in the future, and in particular that the responsibility for value for money audit, currently conferred to the States Audit Commission, be assigned to a new Auditor-General.

The implementation of the Hepworth report and its recommendations has since been linked to the machinery of government reform, and is therefore delayed until such time as a way forward is agreed by the States.

The States are therefore requested to agree to the re-appointment of Mr. Timothy Dunningham for a further twenty-four months, which is the remainder of the usual three-year term, on the understanding that, if alternative proposals are agreed by the States in the meantime, the Audit Commission would resign "en-bloc".

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