
STATES OF JERSEY



STATES OF JERSEY LAW 2005: DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS – SOCIAL SECURITY – ASSISTANT MINISTER

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by the Minister for Social Security

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REPORT

On 16th October 2015, the Minister for Social Security made a Ministerial Decision delegating certain of her functions under Article 28 of the States of Jersey Law 2005 (MD-S-2015-0052, available at www.gov.je).

Article 28 of the States of Jersey Law 2005 permits a Minister to delegate, wholly or partly, functions to an Assistant Minister or an officer.

The Law states, *inter alia* –

“28 Power of Minister to delegate functions

- (1) A Minister may delegate, wholly or partly, functions conferred upon or vested in the Minister by or under this Law or any other enactment or any enactment of the United Kingdom having effect in Jersey, to –
 - (a) one of his or her Assistant Ministers;
 - (b) an officer.
- (2) A Minister shall not delegate –
 - (a) any power to make an enactment;
 - (b) any power to decide an appeal under an enactment;
 - (c) any function the delegation of which is prohibited by an enactment.
- (3) The delegation of functions by a Minister under this Article shall not prevent the Minister exercising those functions personally.
- (4) Where any licence, permit or authorization is granted in purported exercise of functions delegated under paragraph (1), no criminal proceedings shall lie against any person for any act done, or omitted to be done, in good faith and in accordance with the terms of the licence, permit or authorization, by reason that the functions had not been delegated, or that any requirement attached to the delegation of the functions had not been complied with.
- (5) In this Article –

“Minister” includes the Chief Minister;

“officer” means a States’ employee within the meaning of the Employment of States of Jersey Employees (Jersey) Law 2005 and includes a member of the States of Jersey Police Force and an officer appointed under paragraph 1(1) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971 as extended to Jersey by the Immigration (Jersey) Order 1993.
- (6) The States may by Regulations amend the definition “officer” in paragraph (5).”

The Minister will maintain responsibility for the whole of the Social Security Department. However, to ensure that this important area of departmental activity continues to receive a high level of dedicated political support, the Minister, under Article 28 of the States of Jersey Law 2005, has delegated political responsibility for ‘Back to Work’ to her Assistant Minister, Deputy G.J. Truscott of St. Brelade.

The Minister considered it appropriate to present this matter to the Assembly for information, notwithstanding that this Decision delegates no statutory functions.