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# STATES OF JERSEY



## JERSEY GAMBLING COMMISSION: APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER

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**Presented to the States on 21st December 2015  
by the Minister for Economic Development**

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## **REPORT**

The Minister for Economic Development has received advice from the Jersey Appointments Commission that the terms of office of the current Chair and Commissioners of the Jersey Gambling Commission (JGC) must come to an end in October 2016, having served 2 terms in office and completed the maximum 10 years of service.

In order to maintain good corporate governance and effect a strong succession plan, the Minister authorised a recruitment process to secure new Commissioners to join the JGC in November 2015, thus ensuring a one-year handover period of office.

Following a process overseen by the Jersey Appointments Commission, the posts of both Commissioner and Deputy Chair were advertised and 7 candidates applied across both posts, with 3 candidates applying for appointment as either Deputy Chair or Commissioner.

Candidates were interviewed by a Panel comprising the Chief Executive of the JGC – under delegated authority from the current JGC Chair – representatives of the Economic Development Department and States HR, with a member of the Jersey Appointments Commission in attendance.

The Panel approved the appointment of Advocate Matthew Swan as JGC Commissioner for a 4-year term commencing in spring 2016. Due to the resignation of one of the current Commissioners this appointment is being brought forward.

Advocate Swan has considerable experience within the Financial Services sector, most latterly as a senior partner within the Ogier Group. As well as having served as managing partner of the law firm, Advocate Swan is a Member of the Board of Examiners for the Advocates and Solicitors Qualifying Examination. The appointment of Advocate Swan has also been formally endorsed by the Jersey Appointments Commission and he will take up his post as Commissioner commencing 4th January 2016.

### **Financial and manpower implications**

There are no financial or manpower implications for the States arising from these appointments.