
STATES OF JERSEY



COMMISSIONER FOR STANDARDS: APPOINTMENT

Presented to the States on 22nd August 2017
by the Privileges and Procedures Committee

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REPORT

Work has been underway to appoint a Commissioner for Standards, in accordance with Article 3 of the [Commissioner for Standards \(Jersey\) Law 2017](#) (“the Law”).

Article 3(2) of the Law requires the Committee to give the States at least 2 weeks’ notice of its intention to make an appointment. Formal notification was given to Members by the Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee on 4th August 2017 (via an electronic mail message) that the Committee wished to appoint Mr. Paul Kernaghan as the Commissioner for Standards and planned to formalise that decision on Monday 21st August 2017.

The recruitment process was managed by Odgers Berndtson, consultants, who specialise in senior public sector appointments.

A total of 25 people applied for the role, of whom 13 were ‘longlisted’ and interviewed by Odgers Berndtson, with 5 people shortlisted for interview by the Panel. The recruitment Panel (which comprised the Greffier of the States, the Comptroller and Auditor-General, the House of Commons Commissioner for Standards and the Chairman of the Appointments Commission, as the non-voting Chair), was unanimous in recommending Mr. Paul Kernaghan for appointment.

Mr. Kernaghan was born and educated in Belfast. He graduated [LLB Hons.] from the Queen’s University of Belfast in 1978 and joined the Royal Ulster Constabulary under the Graduate Entry Scheme. He subsequently served in the West Midlands and North Yorkshire Forces, before being appointed as Chief Constable of Hampshire Constabulary in 1999. On retiring from Hampshire, he spent 2009 as the Head of the EUPOL COPPS Mission on the West Bank. In 2010, he was appointed as the first ever Commissioner for Standards at the House of Lords, standing down in 2016. He is currently the Judicial Appointments and Conduct Ombudsman with responsibility for the ‘mainstream’ judiciary in England and Wales, together with tribunals whose jurisdiction encompasses either Great Britain or the United Kingdom. He was awarded the Queen’s Police Medal for distinguished service in 1998, and a C.B.E. in 2005 for services to the Police Force.