
STATES OF JERSEY



STATISTICS USERS GROUP: APPOINTMENT OF PANEL MEMBERS

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by the Chief Minister

STATES GREFFE

REPORT

The Statistics Users Group (the “Group”) is established in the Census and Statistics (Jersey) Law, 2018,¹ as a body which is independent of government, with the primary function of overseeing the quality, relevance and integrity of statistics compiled by or on behalf of a public authority.

The Group does this by taking such expert advice it considers necessary, resources permitting, to consider the range of statistics provided; their relevance and appropriateness; the demands placed upon providers of information; the confidentiality of the information; the methodology by which statistics are compiled and their accuracy and reliability; the independence of the compilation and dissemination process from political or other inappropriate influence; and the form and procedures through which statistical information is disseminated.

The Group requires a breadth of members with a diversity of knowledge to discharge these and its other functions effectively, including a combination of new members bringing fresh ideas and experience, and established members with complementary experience and technical knowledge to provide continuity, and operates on an unpaid basis.

A recruitment exercise is being undertaken to secure new and good calibre members for the Group following the stepping down or expiry of the terms of office of some Members. In the meantime, the following Members are being reappointed:

- Mr Martin Delap is a self-employed IT and project management consultant. He has an academic background in Physics, with a Ph.D. in Condensed Matter Physics and worked in the United Kingdom following graduation as a Statistics and Research Officer for a public examination board, returning to Jersey in 1994 and working on a variety of projects in the public and private sector. (*First appointed November 2016 and to be reappointed in November 2022 for a further 3 years*)
- Ms Maria Pelin is a locum Pharmacist who moved to Jersey in 2012 following a career as a pharmacist in Romania. Ms Pelin speaks six languages, and has Class A Masters in Pharmacy Degree from the University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest. (*First appointed November 2016 and to be reappointed in November 2022 for a further 3 years*).

¹<https://www.jerseylaw.je/laws/unofficialconsolidated/PDFs/15.710.pdf#:~:text=statistics%20and%20census%20%28jersey%29%20law%202018%20A%20LAW.censuses%20of%20the%20population%20and%20for%20connected%20purposes>

- Mr Auberon Ashbrooke lectures part time on degree courses at Highlands in Research and Operations. Following a Masters at Cambridge University in Economics, and as well as obtaining other higher education qualifications in management and financial management, he worked in various senior roles in the Ministry of Defence, including private secretary to the Deputy Chief of Defence Staff. *(First appointed November 2016 and to be reappointed in November 2022 for a further 3 years).*

Existing Members:

For completeness, the other member of the User Group is listed below. They were appointed in January 2021.

Chair:

- Ms Gailina Liew has considerable board and public policy experience in a variety of different organisations, including Digital Jersey and the Jersey Data Protection Authority, as well as private sector, regulatory and trustee positions. She has also previously served as Vice-Chair at the Jersey Appointments Commission. Ms Liew moved to the Island in 2015 from Toronto, Canada, having pursued a scientific, legal and business career. She holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in the fields of science, law, and business administration.

Her professional and academic background, and track record of contributing to our community across many different sectors, will bring a joined-up perspective and help promote the highest standards in corporate governance, enabling the Group to function effectively as a strong team, independent of government, to oversee the quality, relevance and integrity of statistics compiled by or on behalf of a public authority. *(First appointed January 2021 for a 3-year term).*

Finally, Mr Daniel Pullinger and Mr Simon Lewis have completed their term of appointment for the User Group, they have both been Members since November 2019. Ms Emma-Louise Veitch has been a member since January 2021 and is now stepping down from the group. They are all warmly thanked for their contributions to the Statistics Users Group.

Financial and Manpower Implications

The members are unpaid, and there are no other additional financial or manpower implications.