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**ISLAND OF ALDERNEY**

**HANSARD**

**The Court House, Alderney, Wednesday, 20th May 2015**

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**Present:**

**Mr Stuart Trought, President**

**Members**

Mr Neil Harvey

Mr Louis Jean

Mr Robert McDowall

Mr Graham McKinley

Mrs Norma Paris

Mr Steve Roberts

Mr Christopher Rowley

Mr Francis Simonet

Mr Ian Tugby

**The Greffier of the Court**

Mrs Sarah Kelly

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## States of Alderney

*The States met at 5.30 p.m. in the presence of Lieutenant G T Workman RN (Rtd),  
a representative of His Excellency Air Marshal Peter Walker, C.B., C.B.E.  
Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bailiwick of Guernsey*

[THE PRESIDENT *in the Chair*]

### PRAYERS

*The Greffier*

### ROLL CALL

*The Greffier*

### Apologies for absence

**The President:** Mr Birmingham has given his apologies, Madam Greffier.

**The Greffier:** Thank you, sir.

## Billet d'État for Wednesday, 20th May 2015

### I. The Alderney eGambling (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 – Not annulled

*Item I.*

*The States of Alderney is asked:*

*to resolve that 'The Alderney eGambling (Amendment) Regulations, 2015' not be annulled.*

**The President:** If you could move to Item I, please, Madam Greffier.

**The Greffier:** Sir, Item I is The Alderney eGambling (Amendment) Regulations, 2015. The  
5 States is asked to resolve that those Regulations not be annulled.

**The President:** Thank you very much, Madam Greffier.

Before we move to Item I, Mr Harvey, as Convener, were there any comments at the People's  
Meeting, please?

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**Mr Harvey:** Thank you, sir.

I convened the People's Meeting on 13th May, assisted by the Chief Executive and Treasurer. There were seven States Members including myself, Minutes Secretary, 13 public and three press.

15 There were no comments on this Item.

**The President:** Thank you very much.

So Madam Greffier, we move to Item I proper. Mr Harvey, I believe you wish to propose this.

20 **Mr Harvey:** Thank you, sir.

This is one of these regular matters where we are asked not to annul a regulation passed on behalf of the Gambling Commission.

The primary purpose is to introduce a required form for eGambling licences and Category 2 association certificate holders to use in order to report the number of gambling businesses associated with the eGambling licensee or Category 2 associate certificate, in order to calculate their licence or certificate fee in accordance with fees introduced fairly recently.

So following the change in the fee structure for our licensees, this is a small technical measure to enable them to monitor and charge accordingly, and I recommend it to the Assembly.

30 **The President:** Thank you very much, Mr Harvey.  
Mr Simonet, I believe you wish to second this.

**Mr Simonet:** Yes, I do, Mr President, thank you.

35 I would just like to say that these amendments are a clear and welcome signal that Alderney eGambling are constantly amending their legislation to keep abreast of the ever-changing demands of the industry, and perhaps more importantly, keeping ahead of our competitors. We are fortunate that we can agree and process these changes with a timespan that many jurisdictions would envy.

40 Therefore I recommend these to my fellow States Members.

**The President:** Thank you very much, Mr Simonet.

Does any Member wish to speak on Item I? Mr Jean? No?

Madam Greffier, I think we can take that as passed. Thank you very much indeed.

## II. Alderney Commission for Renewable Energy – Additional functions – Resolutions passed unanimously

*Item II.*

*The States of Alderney is asked to approve the following resolutions:*

*1. That the Commission for Renewable Energy be conferred the following functions under section 7(1)(c) of the Renewable Energy (Alderney) Law, 2007 (in addition to the functions conferred upon it under that Law or by any other enactment) –*

*a. To make formal contributions to Alderney Electricity Limited as the Commission considers appropriate in order to subsidise the cost of electricity to residents of the Island of Alderney, and*

*b. To make formal contributions to the States of Alderney as the Commission considers appropriate; and*

*2. That resolution 1 above is for the removal of any doubt and is not to be construed as impliedly invalidating anything done in conformity with any enactment or rule of law, either before or after these resolutions are approved by the States of Alderney.*

45 **The President:** We move to Item II, please.

**The Greffier:** Sir, Item II is the Alderney Commission for Renewable Energy – additional functions.

The States of Alderney is asked to approve the following resolutions: that the Commission for  
50 Renewable Energy be conferred the following functions under section 7(1)(c) of the Renewable  
Energy (Alderney) Law, 2007, in addition to the functions conferred upon it under that Law or by  
any other enactment – to make formal contributions to Alderney Electricity Limited as the  
Commission considers appropriate in order to subsidise the cost of electricity to residents of the  
55 Island of Alderney; and to make formal contributions to the States of Alderney as the  
Commission considers appropriate; and that resolution 1 above is for the removal of any doubt  
and is not to be construed as impliedly invalidating anything done in conformity with any  
enactment or rule of law, either before or after these resolutions are approved by the States of  
Alderney.

60 **The President:** Thank you very much, Madam Greffier.

In the initial case, I am going to take both of these resolutions as one. In the event that there  
is any dispute to these, we will take them individually.

Mr Harvey as Convener, were there any comments on this please?

65 **Mr Harvey:** Thank you, sir.

There was on question on this Item. A member of the public asked, 'Is this going to affect my  
electric bill?'

The enquirer was reassured that it should not in itself affect electricity bills, as the £200,000  
has been paid at the same rate for several years and would continue so in the future.

70 Thank you.

**The President:** Thank you very much, Mr Harvey.

Mr McDowall, I believe you wish to propose this?

75 **Mr McDowall:** Yes, thank you, Mr President, ladies and gentlemen.

This is a piece of legislation which just clarifies the powers of the Renewable Energy  
Commission (ACRE), and it also give some flexibility, so it is to give clarity to the fact that the  
Commission can contribute literally any amount to the Alderney Electricity Ltd as it sees fit. And I  
think most importantly going forward, it also gives it the power to make contributions to the  
80 States of Alderney.

Clearly we wait with bated breath and expectations for tidal power and there will be a lot of  
work and exercise, and money no doubt, leading up to that, but it gives the flexibility to ACRE to  
contribute to the States of Alderney should it need it.

I commend both resolutions to the States.

85 Thank you.

**The President:** Thank you, very much, Mr McDowall.

Mr Rowley, I believe you wish to second this.

90 **Mr Rowley:** Yes, that is right, sir. I would like to second it, and I have got no further comment  
to add.

**The President:** Thank you very much, Mr Rowley.

Does any Member wish to comment on Item II?

95 Madam Greffier, I think you can take Item II as passed unanimously.

**The Greffier:** Thank you, sir.

### III. Questions and Reports

**The President:** We move now to Questions and Reports.

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**The Greffier:** I have not received any, sir.

**The President:** I have received none either.

### Birthday wishes to Mrs Paris and Mr Rowley

105 **The President:** As this looks like being one of the shortest States meetings ever, I would like to lengthen it a little by wishing one of our States Members a very happy birthday – and that would be Mrs Paris.

Thank you.

110 **A Member:** Mr Rowley as well. *(Laughter)*

**The President:** And Mr Rowley.

**Mr Rowley:** Thank you very much.

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**The President:** I did not realise we had a twinning today! *(Laughter)*  
Madam Greffier, would you move to close.

**The Greffier:** Thank you, sir.

### PRAYERS

*The Greffier*

*The Assembly adjourned at 5.39 p.m.*