



**States of Alderney**

**President's Office**

## **Correction to Billet D'Etat No 2 for 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Re: Item I      Retirement and Election of New President**

Advice received from the Law Officers in the last twenty four hours casts some doubt on whether the States can necessarily appoint a date under Section 28(4) of the Government of Alderney Law, 2004 unless a vacancy occurs. Notwithstanding the precedent set in 2011, it is possible that the legality of an election held on 11<sup>th</sup> May could be in doubt given that a casual vacancy will not occur until after the President's resignation on 15<sup>th</sup> May.

In view of this advice, it is proposed that a revised timetable should be considered by the States in which an election would take place on 18<sup>th</sup> May. This would provide certainty that, under section 28 (4) of the Law, a date is appointed by the States for the election after a casual vacancy has occurred.

The revised timetable would be:

Notice of election:	25 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Nominations:	Open 9.00 am, 26 <sup>th</sup> April, 2019 Close 4.00 pm, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May, 2019
Voting:	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May, 2019

**The States is therefore asked to approve that the date of 18<sup>th</sup> May is appointed as the date of the Presidential by-election.**

**17<sup>th</sup> April 2019**