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HANSARD

The Court House, Alderney, Friday, 28th June 2019

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Present:

Mr James Dent, Vice-President

Members

Ms Annie Burgess

Mr David Earl

Mr Kevin Gentle

Mr Christian Harris

Mr Louis Jean

Mr Graham McKinley

Mr Steve Roberts

Mr Alexander Snowdon

The Deputy Greffier of the Court

Ms Deborah Burgess

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States of Alderney

*The States met at 6.30 p.m. in the presence of
Lieutenant G T Workman RN (Rtd), a representative of
His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey*

[THE VICE-PRESIDENT *in the Chair*]

PRAYERS

The Deputy Greffier

The Vice-President: Good evening everyone.
Madam Greffier, if you would care to take the roll call.

ROLL CALL

The Deputy Greffier

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The Vice-President: We have apologies from Mr Dean.

The Deputy Greffier: Thank you, sir.
Sir, tonight we are quorate. We have nine out of our ten Members present.

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The Vice-President: Thank you.

Billet d'État for Friday, 28th June 2019

I. Swearing-in of new President of the States of Alderney, Mr William Tate

The Vice-President: If you could move on Item 1, the only Item, please.

15 **The Deputy Greffier:** There is only one Item on the Billet tonight, sir, and that is the
Presidential Oath of Office for Mr William Tate.
If Mr Tate would like to step forward please.
Raise your right hand and read out the Oath to us.

20 **Mr Tate:** I, William Tate, do swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true
allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors according to law, and that
I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of President of the States of Alderney.
So help me God.

The Deputy Greffier: Thank you, Mr Tate. I think Rachel will show you through.

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The Vice-President: If I could just say thank you and congratulations to our new President; and please come down.

The President was shown to his seat.

The President: Ooh! (*Laughter*) You can sit down!

30 This is really weird. (*Laughter*) Having felt as if I have sat in the audience for years, I now find that I have got a part in the play – and I hope I do not fluff the lines. I was a little nervous, as you see, taking the Oath, because the last oath I took was some 35 years ago when we were married. That has worked out quite well. (*Laughter*) So I am hoping that the second one is equally successful.

35 A serious note, of course: I gave a commitment to two great servants of this Island many years ago and I told them that I would, if I felt the time was right, offer myself for election in this role and sadly neither of those two men are with us today. But one is there and the other is there. Jon Kay-Mouat and George Baron, and I am delighted and honoured to see Sir Norman has attended, so now I have got three hands on my shoulders, (**Ms A Burgess:** Hear, hear.) and I know that they will guide me in the role that I have now been elected to as President of the
40 States of Alderney.

It is a huge honour, and it is a privilege. But with that comes responsibilities and those responsibilities are to always endeavour to do everything to promote this Island, both here and in the wider world, and to be an ambassador for the Island, and also, I hope, a friend to our elected States Members. So I make only one promise, and that is that I will do my best, and I
45 hope that I can repay your trust.

I think on that note – and I think this is probably going to be the easiest thing I have done – would you care, Madam Greffier, to close the meeting. (*Laughter*)

The Deputy Greffier: Thank you, Mr President.

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Several Members: Well done. (*Applause*)

PRAYERS

The Deputy Greffier

The Assembly adjourned at 6.36 p.m.