



GENERAL ELECTION 2017

EDUCATIONAL TALK AT THE
MUSEUM @ 7PM ON
THURSDAY, 29 JUNE 2017



ELIGIBILITY & NOMINATIONS

WHO CAN STAND FOR ELECTION?

- ANYONE WHO IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS AND ON THE REGISTER OF ELECTORS FOR YEAR COMMENCING 1 JULY 2017

WHAT MUST I DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?

- COMPLETE THE PRESCRIBED NOMINATION FORM AND RETURN TO THE RETURNING OFFICER BY NO LATER THAN NOON ON WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY



NOMINATIONS

- CANDIDATES MUST HAVE 2 SPONSORS AND 5 SUPPORTERS ALL OF WHOM MUST BE ON THE REGISTER OF ELECTORS – SIGNATURES MUST BE WITNESSED
- A PERSON SHOULD NOT SPONSOR OR SUPPORT MORE THAN 12 CANDIDATES
- NOMINATION FORMS ARE BEST COMPLETED AND RETURNED BEFORE THE 12 NOON DEADLINE ON 12 JULY 2017
- CANDIDATES AND THEIR SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS CAN VIEW ALL NOMINATIONS BETWEEN 12 NOON AND 1 PM ON 12 JULY 2017



WHAT NEXT?

- IF THE ELECTION IS UNOPPOSED WITH NO MORE THAN 12 CANDIDATES, THEY WILL BE DECLARED DULY ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
- IF MORE THAN 12 CANDIDATES, A POLL WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY 2017 FROM 10 AM – 7 PM



CAMPAIGNING

- CANDIDATES SHOULD NOT ACT AS NEWS PRESENTERS, INTERVIEWERS, PRESENTERS OR JOURNALISTS OF ANY TYPE OF MEDIA SERVICE DURING ELECTION PERIOD
- CANDIDATES AND OTHERS INVOLVED IN THE ELECTIONS PROCESS SHOULD CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT CONTRAVENE THE ELECTIONS LEGISLATION. Eg. PART 5 OF THE ORDINANCE SETS OUT ACTIONS THAT CONSTITUTE OFFENCES – TREATING, UNDUE INFLUENCE, BRIBERY
- CAMPAIGN POSTERS SHOULD BE REMOVED WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER THE POLL



POLLING DAY

- POLLING STATIONS WILL BE SET UP IN EACH OF THE 8 ELECTORAL DISTRICTS AND WILL BE OPEN FROM 10AM TO 7PM
- CANDIDATES CAN WITNESS THE POLL THROUGHOUT ALL STAGES
- CANDIDATES CAN APPOINT POLLING AGENTS, ONE FOR EACH OF THE 8 ELECTORAL DISTRICTS



COUNTING VOTES

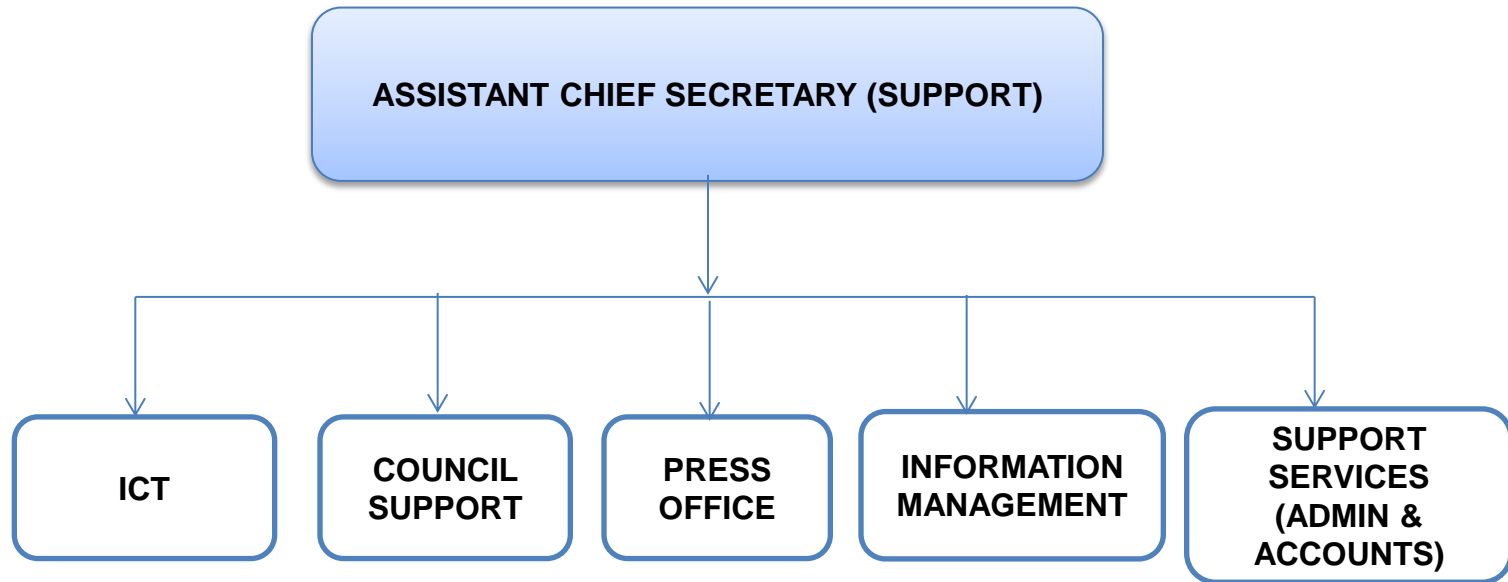
- THE COUNT WILL COMMENCE AT APPROXIMATELY 8PM ON 26 JULY.
- CANDIDATES AND 2 COUNTING AGENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO WITNESS THE COUNT



WHAT NEXT?

- INDUCTION WILL COMMENCE ON FRIDAY, 28 JULY 2017
- INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2 AUGUST 2017:-
 - Oaths or Affirmations
 - Election of Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Council Committee chairpersons, Ex Co members and PAC Members

SUPPORTING THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS





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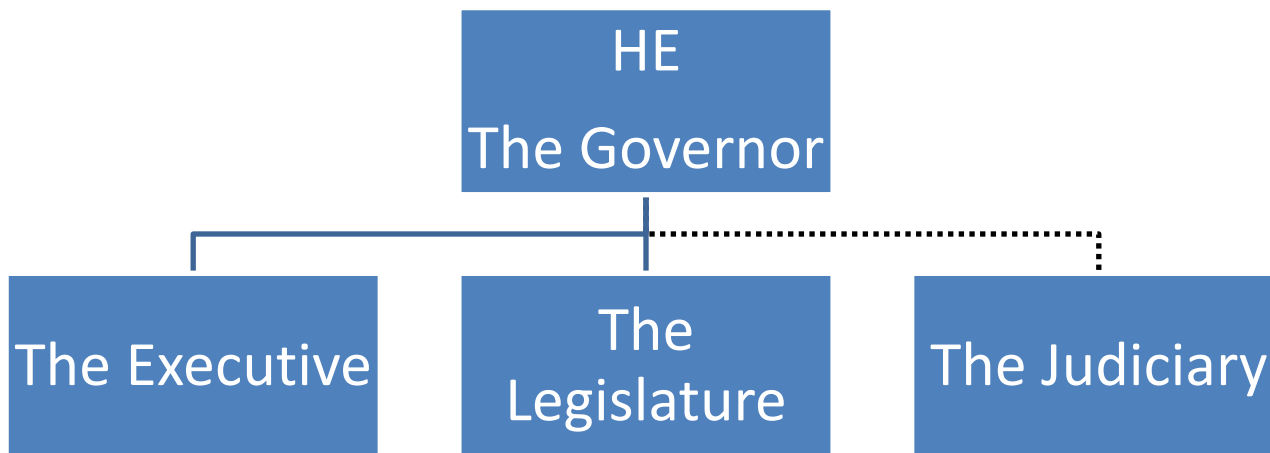
Roy Burke

Chief Secretary

Thursday 29th June 2017



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Executive Council

- Elected at the First Sitting of Legislative Council
- 5 members elected
- Usually those selected as Chair of the 5 Committees



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Civil Service: Impartial and Fair

- Fair and non-politically partisan
- (subject to the law) Responsive to the policies of politicians
- Neutral
- Citizens are treated fairly and in an equitable manner.



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The government

Role	Responsibility
Governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall leadership• Defence• External Affairs• Internal Security (incl Police)• Public Sector Appointments• Justice• Finance• Shipping
Legislative Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of Primary Legislation (Ordinances)
Executive Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Setting Strategy• Providing the National Policy Framework• Approval of Primary Policy• Approval of Secondary Legislation
Council Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of Secondary Policy• Monitoring/Scrutiny of the performance of Directorates• Allocating strategic budgets



The Administration

THE ADMINISTRATION (THE PUBLIC SERVICE)

Role	Responsibility
Chief Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Management of the Public Service (recruitment, structure and performance management)• Policy advice to HE the Governor• Presentation of government business in the Executive and Legislative Councils
Financial Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial Advisor to HE the Governor and Executive Council• Presentation of government business in the Executive and Legislative Councils• Overall delegated responsibility for the management and control of Government Finances
Public Service Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementation of strategy and the National Policy Framework• Implementation of Primary and Secondary Policy• Implementation and management of delegated budget• Compliance with governance structure• Policy advice to Elected Members



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Roles and Responsibilities

- Councillors are responsible for **Policy** decisions, as defined in the Constitution
- **Operational** decisions are those that relate to the implementation of agreed policies and the “workings” of service delivery teams. These are therefore **delegated** to Directorates.



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Roles and Responsibilities

Directors and other senior officials are also Accounting Officers, which means that they have ultimate responsibility for spending their allocated budget and as such are accountable to the Public Accounts Committee for ensuring that value for money is achieved in all spending

Politicians are not called to give evidence to the PAC

The Public Service Directorates are responsible for the day-to-day management of administration and implementation of service delivery

Council Committees Support National Priorities

COMMITTEE TITLE	Government Department	RESPONSIBILITIES
Economic Development	(ESH)Agriculture and Natural Resources Corporate Finance	Policy responsibility for Government business concerning economic development, investment, tourism, agriculture, fisheries, labour market, communications (including media, telecommunications, postal services) shipping and port management.
Education Committee	Education and Employment	Policy responsibility for Government business concerning education; specifically schools, skills and lifelong learning.
Environmental and Natural Resources	Environment and Natural Resources Dept	Policy responsibility for Government business concerning infrastructure including utilities, environmental management, lands including crown estate, land use planning and development control and forestry.
Public Health	Health Directorate	Policy responsibility for Government business concerning health (including health services, preventive health services, environmental health, and public health), health and safety.
Social & Community Development	Safeguarding Corporate Finance (ESH)	Policy responsibility for Government business concerning social services, social security, pensions, housing (including Government Landlord Housing), legal system, civil society (including non government organisations) community centres, culture and heritage, leisure, sports and recreation and employee protection .



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Questions?



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Role of the Financial Secretary

- The responsibilities of the Financial Secretary are defined in detail within the Constitution and Public Finance Ordinance and these include:
 - **Principle Financial Advisor to the HE the Governor, EXCO and Legislative Council**
 - **Ensure there are effective systems of internal controls to bring all activities of Government to Account**
 - **Ensure compliance with the Public Finance Ordinance the Financial and Procurement Regulations**
 - **The updating and issuing of Financial and Procurement Regulations in line with international best practice**
 - **The effective and efficient collection of Government Revenues**
 - **The management of all Assets and Liabilities of Government**
 - **Preparation of the Financial Statements**
 - **Preparation of the Annual Budget – LEGCO approves the budget**
 - **Monitoring the financial performance of SHG**
 - **Delegated responsibility for Shipping**



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CORPORATE FINANCE 2017 (FUNCTIONS)

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

INCOME
TAX

PORT
CONTROL

PROCUREMENT

PROGRAMME
MANAGEMENT
UNIT

ACCOUNTING
SERVICES &
BUDGET
MANAGEMENT

CUSTOMS &
EXCISE

SHIPPING

SOCIAL
SECURITY

POST &
CUSTOMER
SERVICES
CENTRE



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Attorney General





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Principal legal adviser to the Governor and to the Governments of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha – section 46 of the Constitution

Team:

3 qualified lawyers (1 in ASI) + legal executive + legislative drafter + PA

2 trainee solicitors (end July) + lawyer (Oct)



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Responsibilities



- Member of ExCo and LegCo (non-voting)
- All criminal proceedings (constitutional prerogative)
- Nominal party in all civil litigation
- Legislative drafting & keeping laws up-to-date
- Provide legal advice to Governor, ExCo, LegCo, the 5
Legislative Committees, Directorates & associated entities



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QUESTIONS?

