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Dear Voter

I am standing for Senator as an independent candidate to deliver positive change for Jersey.

I have lived in Jersey since I was two years old and have a proud record of service to the Island. I spent over 30 years working in Jersey's public service – for the States of Jersey Police, Probation, Customs and Immigration, and as a Director of Policy for the Government. For my PhD, I studied Jersey's unique Honorary Police and Parish Hall Enquiry System. I am a passionate supporter of the parish and honorary system.

During my career, I have been heavily involved in the work of Autism Jersey, having been a founding member of the charity and serving as its first Chair and latterly Vice-Chair. I have also been an independent member of the Public Accounts Committee and an academic lecturer.

In 2022, I was elected as Deputy for St Brelade and have served as Minister for Justice and Home Affairs and Chair of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel. I have worked to address key issues that matter to the public, including affordable housing, support for retail, tourism and hospitality, and improving community safety.

Last year, I opposed the budget proposal to reduce

the grant to the Social Security Fund. If elected as a Senator, I will work to reinstate the full grant, get public spending under control, and return to a culture of long-term prudence. As a small Island, it is vital that we live within our means. This must be the basis of our future economic stability and competitiveness.

I have a strong local policy background and consider issues on their merits, following an evidence-based approach. I have a record of working across the political spectrum to deliver community-based policies that are appropriate for Jersey. At this time of global instability, I believe I can offer unity, experience and leadership. We must work together to overcome our challenges and deliver for the public.

In my manifesto, I set out my track record and my priorities for the next four years. More information is available on my website – helenmiles.je

I hope you will consider me for one of your senatorial votes on Sunday 7th June.

Yours faithfully

Dr Helen Miles

The Economy

To maintain and develop a successful economy, we must:

- Build on our existing strengths – financial services, digital, tourism, hospitality and agriculture, and encourage appropriate diversification and innovation
- Deliver on the Competitiveness Programme and continue the Productivity Support Scheme
- Ensure that regulatory functions are enablers of sustainable growth
- Prepare for the increased use of Artificial Intelligence and its impact
- Support improved connectivity and travel links with the Channel Islands, UK, and Europe.

Cost of living

We must keep on-island inflation low and maintain support for hard pressed families by:

- Reviewing the impact on inflation of the flat-rate card for freight imports
- Ensuring that the Community Costs Bonus, Cold Weather Bonus, and Christmas Bonus increase annually with RPI, and supporting more pensioners through the Pension Plus Scheme
- Continuing progress towards the living wage, working with businesses to support its managed implementation
- Minimising increases in Government charges, including for parking
- Promoting competition and enabling greater choice for consumers.

Education and Lifelong Learning

To ensure that everyone can reach their potential and continue to develop throughout their lives, I will work to:

- Ensure equal and adequate funding for state and privately educated pupils
- Examine opportunities for greater pupil and student choice within the state sector
- Deliver a Higher Education Strategy, building on our on-island excellence, aimed at encouraging young graduates to remain in the Island
- Provide greater assistance with higher education living costs, and support for local apprenticeships
- Introduce funding arrangements for postgraduate study which are fit for purpose and enable people to continue learning throughout their lives.

Housing

I will promote policies which prioritise first-time buyers, assist those looking to buy a family home, and support an improved rental market, including:

- An increased supply of affordable housing, in appropriate locations, with deposit support and shared equity schemes for first-time buyers
- Incentives to ensure that properties are not left empty for long periods
- Voluntary schemes for those who wish to downsize, to assist with the supply of family homes
- Less bureaucracy in creating two and three generation properties – to support independent living in the community
- The phased abolition of Stamp Duty and its transfer into the Island-wide owner rate
- Fair and affordable rents, and driving up standards in the rental market.

Public Finances

The latest budget used the Social Security Fund to plug a structural deficit. My priorities are to:

- Reinstate the full Social Security Grant by 2030 and replenish the Stabilisation Fund
- Increase the value of the Strategic Reserve
- Ensure the long-term viability of the Health Insurance Fund
- Control public spending and live within our means
- Eliminate wasteful and non-essential projects and, except for the new hospital, avoid further borrowing
- Reduce the number of Arm's Length Bodies and cut the bonuses of the States Owned Entities.

Population

We must maintain a stable population which meets the needs of our economy and community by:

- Retaining and developing our local talent, and improving opportunities for our future generations
- Making Jersey more affordable for young families
- Requiring the appointment of Jersey-based candidates for all civil service roles, only recruiting externally if a suitable person cannot be appointed or developed within 12 months
- Recognising that we will always need to attract and welcome people with skills to support our economy
- Enabling a flexible work permit system, building on the success of the three-year scheme.

Health and Care

Significant improvements are needed to our health service. My focus will be to:

- Address challenges in service performance, reduce waiting lists, and implement a sustainable funding model for health care in the island
- Continue to invest in our brilliant staff to allow them to deliver the best service possible
- Support mental health services and early intervention programmes
- Ensure strong oversight of the new hospital project so that no more money is wasted
- Promote healthy and active lifestyles, reduce smoking and vaping, and support those seeking to recover from alcohol and substance misuse
- Ensure the Long-Term Care Fund is sufficiently resourced to meet current and future demand.

Environment and Coastline

I will support policies to:

- Prevent any further inappropriate development or “privatisation” of our coastline
- Allocate money from the Climate Emergency Fund to improve our deteriorating road network
- Improve cycling and walking routes, car-pooling, and provide more buses during the day and in the evening
- Increase support for the Coastal National Park and Green Zone, protect agricultural fields, and maintain our heritage and cultural assets
- Enhance recycling, reduce on-island waste, and take proportionate steps towards carbon neutrality, remembering that we are a small Island.

Machinery of Government

- Ministerial Government should be more inclusive and enable States Members to work together constructively to deal with our challenges
- Working with the Connétables, we should seek to improve public engagement with the parish system
- Government should establish pop-up hubs outside of St Helier to provide convenient and accessible services
- Ministers must avoid any big re-brands or re-organisations, which have historically proven to be expensive, bureaucratic and ineffective
- I support the creation of a Public Services Ombudsman to improve complaints handling.

Community Safety and Voluntary Service

We must work together to keep Jersey safe. I will support policies to:

- Implement the recommendations of the Violence Against Women and Girls Taskforce and provide the necessary funding
- Deliver focused and enhanced youth work and improved youth facilities across the Island
- Protect funding for our emergency services, and use the Criminal Offences Confiscation Fund to assist the work of the Honorary Police
- Update our firearms, fireworks and emergency planning legislation, and introduce a new Corporate Manslaughter Law
- Improve support for victims of crime
- Encourage participation in sport and other activities to promote greater community cohesion.
- Increase support for charities by making better use of the Dormant Bank Accounts Fund
- Champion honorary and voluntary service, as I have done throughout my career.



Helen works collectively, constructively, and based on the evidence. She has proven herself to be an effective Minister and Scrutiny Chair, and a champion for her parishioners.

Helen has a community focused background and a record of delivering positive change. She has demonstrated strong leadership skills throughout her career and understands the challenges Jersey is facing. If elected as a Senator, Helen would serve the island very effectively.

Alison Fossey MBE

Retired Detective Superintendent,
States of Jersey Police



Key Achievements 2022 - 2026

- ✔ Ensured that 500 new homes on the Waterfront will be for first-time buyers
- ✔ Established the Violence Against Women and Girls Taskforce
- ✔ Negotiated a scheme to increase the number of French day travellers
- ✔ Introduced a new three-year work permit to support hospitality
- ✔ Delivered the Building a Safer Community Framework
- ✔ Secured additional funding for the Ambulance, Fire, and Immigration Services
- ✔ Fast-tracked delivery of the West of Island Planning Framework
- ✔ Kick-started efforts to regenerate Les Quennevais Precinct
- ✔ Began work to reduce the number of empty commercial properties
- ✔ Developed proposals to strengthen the parish system.

Key Priorities 2026 - 2030

- › Reinstatement of the full grant to the Social Security Fund and replenish the Stabilisation Fund
- › Control public spending, eliminate wasteful projects, and live within our means
- › Support islanders with the cost of living and access to first-time buyer housing
- › Boost economic competitiveness, support traditional industries, and reduce bureaucracy
- › Enhance support for people living with disabilities, their families, and carers
- › Improve community safety and support for victims of crime
- › Implement a sustainable funding mechanism for charities
- › Improve educational opportunities at all stages of life
- › Promote Jersey's identity, language, history and traditions
- › Introduce new legislation on resilience and emergency planning, fireworks, and firearms.

About Helen

Family: Married to Richard with grown up sons

Education: Mont Nicolle, St. Lawrence, St. Helier Girls, Hautlieu, Universite de Rennes II, Open University, University of Wales, Swansea

Career: Investigative Officer – Customs and Immigration; Research and Information Manager – Probation Service; Director of Criminal Justice – States of Jersey Police; Policy Director – Government of Jersey.

I have also served as a member of the Public Accounts Committee and the Legal Aid Guidelines Advisory Committee, Vice-Chair of Autism Jersey, and a Visiting Lecturer at various institutions.

Political experience: Minister for Justice and Home Affairs; Chair of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel; Vice-Chair of the Scrutiny Liaison Committee; Chair of the Parishes and Government Review Panel; Member of the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel; Executive Member of the Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie.

Hobbies: Charity Trekking, Member of the Optimists Battle of Flowers Club, singing, dancing, walking.



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