

## **REPORT: Independent Prison Monitoring Board Chair Appointment**

**August 2025**

### **Background**

The Independent Prison Monitoring Board was established in April 2017 according to The Prison (Independent Monitoring Board) Regulations ('The regulations').

The Regulations provide that the Board must satisfy itself of:

- (a) the treatment and welfare of the prisoners;
- (b) the state of the premises of the prison; and
- (c) the administration of the prison.

In 2024 the Board carried out 24 Monitoring Visits to La Moye Prison and looked into 67 applications made by Prisoners.

The IPMB provides a vital safeguard to ensure the correct treatment of people detained at La Moye Prison and is a central feature of the island's move towards demonstrating compliance with the UN Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT) requirements.

The regulations provide that the Minister must appoint the members of the Monitoring Board and must appoint from the membership of the Monitoring Board a chairman and a deputy chairman.

### **Recruitment of new Members**

Further to the Chair, Norma O'Sullivan, submitting her resignation with effect from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2025, expressions of interest were sought from existing Board members. The Deputy Chair, Grant Rogerson was the only member to express interest in the role of Chair.

Grant joined the Board in 2022, before becoming Deputy Chair on the 12.10.23.

It is therefore recommended that the Minister appoint Grant as Chair of the Board, effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

Expressions of interest will then be sought from Board Members for the role of Deputy.