



States
Assembly

Jersey's elected parliament

The States Assembly and its States Members 2022-2026



States Chamber

États de Jersey



L's États d'Jèrri



This Easy Read will tell you:

- What the States Assembly is
- What a constituency is
- What a States Member is
- How States Members are chosen
- How to vote
- What a States Member does
- How to contact a States Member
- What Jersey's Government is
- What Scrutiny is



What is the States Assembly?



The States Assembly is Jersey's **parliament**.

Parliament is where a group of people agree new rules for people in Jersey.



This group of people are called States Members.

There are 49 States Members.

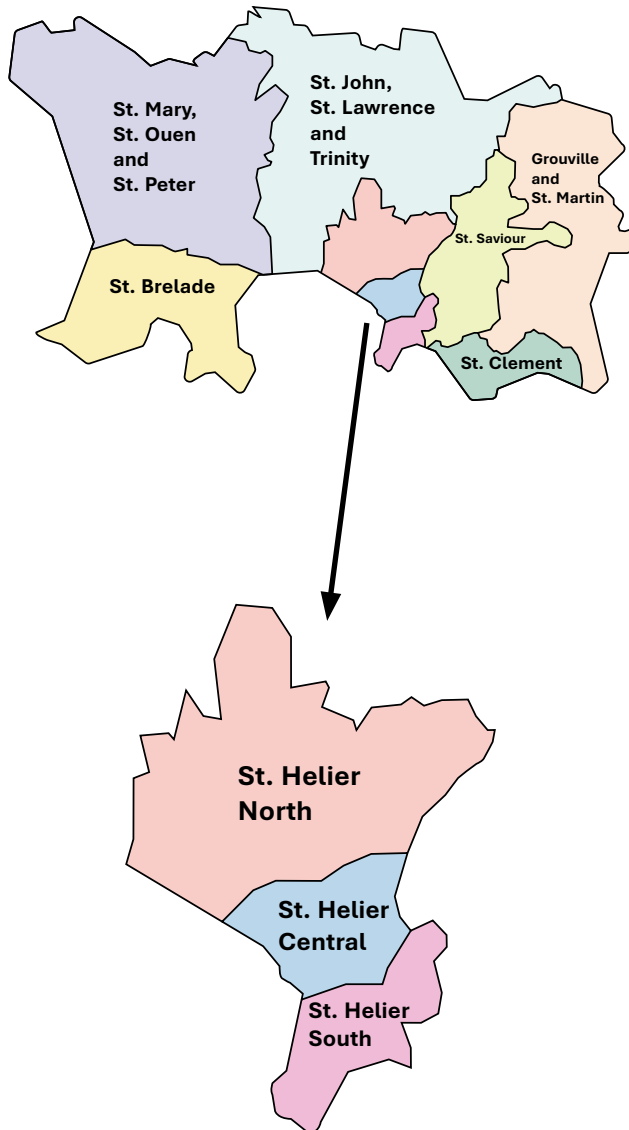
12 States Members are **Constables** (also known as Connétables).

37 States Members are **Deputies**.



A **Constable** is chosen for each parish. They make decisions for the people who live in their parish.

What is a constituency?



Jersey is divided into nine constituencies (voting areas).

Constituencies have between three and five **Deputies**, depending on how many people live in the constituency.

St. Helier is split into three constituencies due to lots of people living there.

Constituents are people who live in a constituency.

Deputies speak for their constituents in the States Assembly.

How are States Members chosen?



States Members are chosen by people in Jersey in a big vote.

Voting is very important. It is one of the best ways to get your voice heard by the people who will represent you in the States Assembly.



When a group of people vote it is called a **general election**.



In Jersey, we vote to choose States Members to represent us and make decisions for us.

They make important decisions that affect people's lives.

For example, they make decisions about:

- Hospitals and healthcare
- Taxes
- Education and schools

How to vote



To use your vote in an election, you have to follow some rules:

- You must be registered to vote
- You can check if you are registered with your Parish



- You must be at least 16 years old on election day
- You must have lived in Jersey for at least two years



There are 3 ways to vote in Jersey elections:

- At a polling station (a place where you go to vote) on the day of the election
- By postal vote
- At the ‘pre-poll’ station before election day

Election for Connétable	
Electors may vote for up to 1 candidate	
LAST NAME, First name	☒
NONE OF THE CANDIDATES	☐

Election for Deputies	
Electors may vote for up to 4 candidates	
LAST NAME, First name	☐
LAST NAME, First name	☒
LAST NAME, First name	☒
LAST NAME, First name	☐
LAST NAME, First name	☒
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To vote you use a paper ballot. This is a form that shows who you can vote for.

You place an X in the box next to the people you would like to vote for.

What does a States Member do?



States Members come to the States Assembly every three weeks to debate.

This means they talk about ideas and problems together.



They do this in a special room called the States Chamber.



States Members make **laws**.

Laws are rules that everyone in Jersey must follow.



They also ask Ministers questions about what they are doing and why.

How to contact a States Member



States Members meet people in their local area to hear about their ideas and problems.

These meetings are called **drop-in sessions**. These drop-in sessions can take place in Parish Halls, cafés, community centres or churches.

More information about the dates and times of drop-in sessions can be found on the States Assembly website: **statesassembly.je**.

Email



Telephone



Letter



Social Media

You can contact your States Member by:

- Telephone
- Email
- Letter
- Social Media

You can find out who your States Members are by looking in the Jersey Telephone Directory or on the States Assembly website: **statesassembly.je**.

What is Jersey's Government?



The Government is the group of people who manage Jersey. They are chosen by States Members.



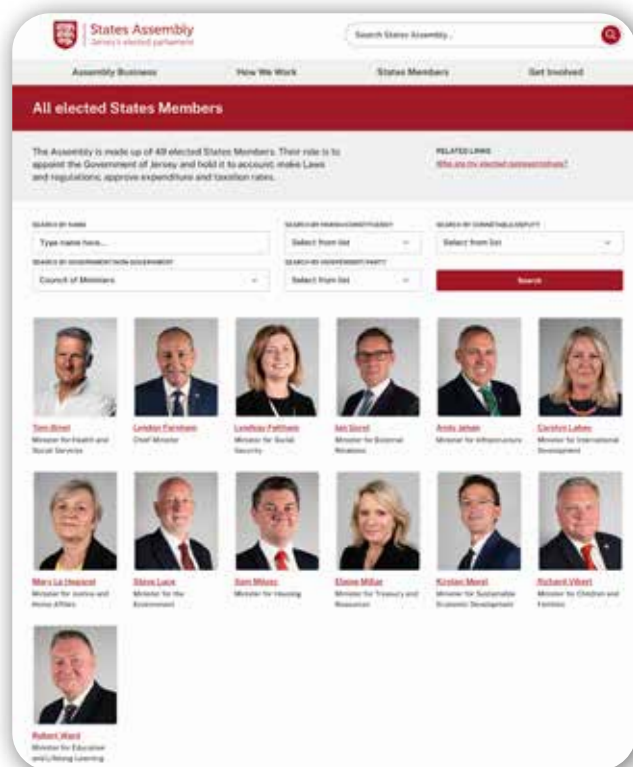
The Government decides how money is spent and how public services, like schools and hospitals, are run.



The person in charge of the Government is called the Chief Minister. His name is Deputy Lyndon Farnham.



Government services are based at the Union Street building.



The States Members who help run the Government are called Ministers.

This group of Ministers is called the Council of Ministers.

Education



Healthcare



Environment



Housing



Transport



Each Minister has an area that they look after such as:

- Education
- Health
- Housing
- Transport
- Environment

What is Scrutiny?



Some States Members, who are not Ministers, work together to check what Government is doing.

They make groups called Scrutiny Panels. There are 5 **Scrutiny Panels** and the **Public Accounts Committee**.



Children, Education and Home Affairs Panel

Corporate Services Panel

Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel

Health and Social Security Panel

Economic and International Affairs Panel

Public Accounts Committee



They each check what different areas of Government are doing.

Scrutiny may ask what you think



Scrutiny Panels speak to people in Jersey and lots of experts to check if they agree with changes that the Government wants to make.



Sometimes Scrutiny Panels want to find out what people think about a specific subject or issue.

You may see Scrutiny Panels asking people what they think around the Island.



They run a Scrutiny Review to ask people questions about what they think.

You can tell Scrutiny Panels what you think by doing online surveys or email or telephone.



Scrutiny Panels may also meet groups of people to find out what they think about a specific subject.