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Subject: RE: Rob Callister's "alleged" sacking.

Dear Kate

Thank you for your reply.

There have indeed been “further developments”, over Rob Callister’s so-called “sacking”- see <https://tinyurl.com/3fpfvspf>

In the audio recording of the radio interview Mr Cannan says “ I think the appropriate thing is for a proper investigation to be undertaken rather than me sit here and start passing judgements.....” I have to assume, therefore, that when Alf asked Rob to “step down” and replaced him as Minister for he DHSC with Lawrie Hooper, he didn’t regard these actions as having passed judgement on Rob. I note also that despite media headlines claiming that Rob had been “sacked” by Mr Cannan, Mr Cannan hasn’t taken any steps to correct such headlines which leaves the ordinary man in the street to believe that Mr Cannan did indeed sack Rob.

I note that you say – “The assignment of Ministers instrument (a document which appoints Ministers)”.

You appear to be confused between an assignment and an appointment. An “assignment of Ministers instrument” isn’t a document which appoints Ministers; it is an instrument under which the Chief Minister assigns Ministers to Departments.

But, for a Minister to be assigned to a Department he/she must first be appointed by the Governor, but unlike an “assignment” which has to be laid before Tynwald, the warrant of appointment of a Minister has to be enrolled in the General Registry.

I'll do as you suggest and ask the Chief Minister to let me have “a copy of the Instrument under which Rob was allegedly “sacked” i.e. removed from his office as the Minister for the DHSC, by the Chief Minister.

As Lawrie Hooper was already a Minister he would need to be assigned as Minister for the DHSC by Mr Cannan and a copy of the Instrument under which he was assigned laid before Tynwald.

Best wishes
Trevor Cowin