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Thank you for considering an application to join our team as the Attorney General.

St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha is a unique territorial grouping. Each Island has its own government, history and character, yet all are members of the British family. Located in the southern Atlantic, they are gems in the ocean, whose remoteness has forged resilience and a strong sense of community, traits needed to withstand the challenges of geography.

In terms of self-determination, all three Islands have considerable autonomy and must provide a full range of government services. With small budgets and high demand, this is no simple matter and puts significant pressure on efficiency and agility. No one Island is more important than the other and balancing support across the group is an art. This said, St Helena dominates the agenda given its far greater population; it is also the only government to introduce a ministerial system.

Chambers, whilst small, are growing. There is no denying that the workload is high; the span of responsibilities as principal legal advisor, *de facto* director of prosecutions and director of government legal services is notable. Yet such breadth affords the opportunity for the incumbent to make a real difference to the three communities you will serve.

Domestically, you will live on St Helena. Known locally as the friendly island, its extraordinary beauty and unspoilt ocean (it is an exceptional scuba diving location) is captivating. There are no malls, theme parks or even a cinema. There is however abundant fresh air, great trails for cycling and walking, and within weeks, you will be waving to each and every one as you move around the Island. And if you could ever get bored of that, South Africa is on the proverbial doorstep.

I genuinely believe if you have the motivation and ability, the appointment of Attorney General St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha will be a highlight of your career, personally and professionally.

Thank you for taking the time to look into this role, and if you make a decision to apply we look forward to hearing from you.

His Excellency The Governor Nigel Phillips CBE

