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3.3 Connétable C.H. Taylor of St. John of the Minister for Home Affairs regarding training received by the States of Jersey Police about the Honorary Police:

Could the Minister advise what training is received by the States of Jersey Police about the Honorary Police, and whether it includes the history of the service and the different ranks and responsibilities of Honorary Police officers?

Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Peter (The Minister for Home Affairs):

Yes, I am pleased to confirm that the initial 15-week probationer training programme includes input from the Honorary Police on both the history and roles and responsibilities of the Honorary Police. A specific section of the probationary officer's course material is also dedicated to the Honorary Police. Indeed the Connétable of St. Martin took the time over the weekend to remind me and describe to me his involvement with this training process in the past, for which I am very grateful.

[10:00]

In addition, probationary officers also undergo a secondment to the Criminal Justice Department, which includes a visit to the Parish Hall Inquiry in order for them to understand its key role within the judicial system. I am pleased to say that there is a 2-way exchange of knowledge with the States of Jersey Police training team delivering a rolling programme of foundation training courses and additional training to new and existing Honorary Police officers. This training includes a number of operational officers, along with officers in specialist departments and ensures further opportunities for engagement and understanding of the different roles and responsibilities of the Honorary Police. I would like to take this opportunity to restate my sincere thanks and appreciation for the first class contribution that the 12 Honorary Police Forces make to many aspects of our community.

[Approbation] Those serving in the Honorary Police embody the spirit of voluntary service which helps to make Jersey a fantastic place to live.

The Connétable of St. John:

Just to say, I am very grateful to Minister to clarify the point because I have had hesitations and it is now clearly embedded and I am very grateful to her, thank you.