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4 Deputy J.M. Maçon of St. Saviour of the Minister for Home Affairs regarding traffic safety and enforcement: [OQ.162/2018]

Prior to agreeing the States of Jersey Police's next annual Policing Plan, will the Minister canvass States Members in order to help determine the priority that traffic safety and enforcement should be given?

Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement (The Minister for Home Affairs):

I will remind the Deputy that the current Policing Plan, covering the years 2018 and 2019, one of the priorities is for the States Police to work with partners to make our roads safer. In addition, an action of the current plan is to continue to promote safer road use through a combination of education and enforcement. So, the Deputy is pushing at an open door. I should make it clear that the annual Policing Plan is not my plan, it is not the States of Jersey Police's plan, it is the plan of the Jersey Police Authority and they have the legal duty to produce this plan. The Police Authority includes 2 States Members, who are appointed by this Assembly, currently that is Deputy Wickenden and the Deputy of St. Mary, and I have no doubt that those Members will ensure that the priorities of elected colleagues are taken into account when they commence their work to prepare the next plan.

5.4.1 Deputy J.M. Maçon:

That tweak of a technicality must have escaped me in lodging the question to the Minister, but I thank him for pointing me in that direction. Is the Minister then content that when assessing these priorities the States of Jersey Police receives significant feedback from the public to know how well they are doing when they assess their priorities?

The Connétable of St. Clement:

It is the duty of the Jersey Police Authority, when completing their plan, which they obviously have to do in consultation with the Chief of Police, to make themselves aware of what the priorities of the population are. Again, it is one of these things where we police by consent. The people have to have confidence in what the police are doing so that the J.P.A. (Jersey Police Authority) do need to consult with the public in whichever way they think is best.

Deputy J.M. Maçon:

I thank the Minister for his response and I have sent a few disgruntled constituents in the area of the Police Authority.