

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOME AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON
TUESDAY, 1st APRIL 2003, BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARTIN**

Question

On 21st May 2002, the States, in adopting the proposition regarding Confiscation of Alcohol; introduction of legislation, (P.46/2002), approved in principle the introduction of legislation to permit police officers to confiscate alcohol in certain circumstances and charged the Home Affairs Committee to prepare the necessary draft legislation.

On 24th September 2002, in response to questions regarding the steps taken to comply with the States' decision, the President stated that –

'The Committee had only discussed the issue only once before issuing instructions to the Law Draftsman to prepare the appropriate amendments to the Policing of Roads, Parks and Beaches Regulations. When these amendments are drafted the Committee will waste no time in bringing them to the States'.

Will the President inform the Assembly when the Committee intends to present the draft legislation to the States for approval?

Answer

In September 2002, as stated by the former President of the Home Affairs Committee, law drafting instructions were issued to the Law Draftsman to prepare the appropriate amendments to the Policing of Roads, Parks and Beaches Regulations.

However, the information provided to the Law Draftsman was not sufficient for the amendments to be drafted. Further research was consequently carried out, and a report was taken to the Home Affairs Committee at its meeting in February.

The Committee approved the report, and more detailed drafting instructions have now been submitted to the Law Draftsman. Once the amendments have been drafted, the Committee will bring them to the States.