

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE  
EMERGENCIES COUNCIL BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN**

**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 26th OCTOBER 2004**

**Question**

Would the President inform members –

- (a) whether the rôle of Parish Civil Emergency Liaison Officer (PCELO), in some parishes, if any, has been disbanded, and, if so –
  - (i) the reasons why?
  - (ii) what alternative arrangements have been put in place to cover this rôle? and
  - (iii) whether full details of any changes will be put before the States?
- (b) whether responsibility for PCELO's has been handed over to the Home Affairs Committee, and whether discussions have taken place with the Comité des Connétables regarding the disbandment of PCELO's?

**Answer**

- (a) Yes, I can confirm that discussions took place earlier this year involving the Emergency Planning Officer and members of the Comité des Connétables, and that the decision was taken to discontinue to office of Parish Civil Emergency Liaison Officer.
  - (i) The reason for this decision is because the parishes' emergency procedures are based upon the Honorary Police, who are well-placed to respond to the needs of the community in the event of an emergency;
  - (ii) as noted above, the Honorary Police will take on the role previously undertaken by the Parish Civil Emergency Liaison Officers.
 

As one of their responsibilities, the PCELO's were responsible for the monitoring of radiation levels in the event of a radiological incident, and I am advised that the Comité des Connétables is currently giving consideration as to who should have responsibility for this function in the future;
  - (iii) this is for the Comité des Connétables to determine, but is not a matter which would normally require the approval of the States.
- (b) I can confirm that the responsibility for PCELO's has not been handed over to the Home Affairs Committee, but rests with the Comité des Connétables. As noted in the answer to question 1(a), the decision has been taken to discontinue the office of PCELO, and for the parishes' honorary police to take on this role.

As noted above, I can confirm that discussions have taken place with members of the Comité des Connétables regarding the disbandment of the PCELO's.