

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12th OCTOBER 2010**

Question

Following the 'progress report on 'International Conventions and Agreements' (R.97/2010) presented on 12th July 2010, can the Chief Minister give summary details of and references to the following documents mentioned in that report -

- Convention on Biological Diversity (paragraph 1.4- periodic report 2009)
- International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (paragraph 1.5 - further information February 2009)
- Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by dumping of waste and other matter (paragraph 1.6 - report February 2009)
- Convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination (paragraph 1.8 - report 6th October 2009)
- The Montreal Protocol 1997 and the first two Amendments (London 1990 and Copenhagen 1992- paragraph 2.4)

Could the Chief Minister give a reference to these documents and explain how and when they were extended to Jersey?

Answer

Reference copies of the international conventions listed are readily available on the United Nations Treaties Collection database (<http://treaties.un.org>) except for the Convention on the Prevention of Maritime Pollution, which is available on the website of the International Maritime Organisation (www.imo.org). Further information is provided below with regard to each of the listed Conventions.

Convention on Biological Diversity

The periodic report on the United Nations Convention on Biodiversity submitted by Jersey in 2009 was published in the United Kingdom's Fourth National Report to the United Nations on Biological Diversity, on page 126 (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/world/gb/gb-nr-04-en.doc>).

In summary, the report described:

- the state of biodiversity in Jersey;
- the status of preparation / implementation of the Jersey biodiversity strategy and action plan;
- work undertaken to bring biodiversity into the mainstream of work by other sectors;
- a statement with regard to the 2010 target to reduce the current rate of decline of biodiversity.

International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights

The periodic report on the International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights submitted by Jersey was published in an Annex to the United Kingdom's Fifth Report to the United Nations Committee on Economic

