

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS  
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th APRIL 2010**

**Question**

“In view of the public concern over the suspension of the current Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police and the intended appointment of the Acting Chief Officer as Chief Officer, and to inform members in this vital matter, will the Minister provide an official chronology of the three letters which were used during the actual act of suspension in November 2008, namely the letter from the then Minister for Home Affairs to the Chief Executive initiating disciplinary action under the Disciplinary Code for the Chief Officer of Police, the letter from the same Minister to the Chief Officer notifying him that the disciplinary process had commenced and the letter of written notification that the Chief Officer was suspended from duty, giving an explanation of who created them, when, and why?”

**Answer**

The information in relation to the chronology of the three letters is as follows:-

- (1) The letter from the Home Affairs Minister to the Chief Executive asking for a disciplinary investigation to be put in train under the terms of the Chief Officer's Disciplinary Code was first created at 14:00:56 on 11th November 2008.
- (2) The letter from the Home Affairs Minister to the Chief Officer informing him that he had asked the Chief Executive to carry out an investigation under the terms of the Code was first created at 08:44:00 on 8th November 2008.
- (3) The letter from the Home Affairs Minister to the Chief Officer informing him that he was suspended was first created at 08:48:00 on 8th November 2008.

The issues as to who created the letters, when and why is within the remit of the Commissioner appointed by the Chief Minister and should properly be left for him to determine.