

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY T.M. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2010**

Question

“Given that he is a central figure within the suspension of the Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police, does the Chief Minister consider that he is conflicted in the matter and should therefore declare an interest and withdraw from the debate of the Deputy of St. Martin’s proposition to set up an independent Committee of Inquiry into the suspension and the way that it has been handled (P.9/2010)?”

Answer

I was not a central figure in the suspension of the Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police, either at his initial suspension in November 2008, by the then Minister for Home Affairs, nor at his subsequent confirmed suspension in March 2009 by the present Minister for Home Affairs. I do not, therefore, consider myself conflicted to participate in the debate on P9/2010.