

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 29th JANUARY 2013**

Question

In the light of the recent Court Case involving the then Acting Magistrate, what proposals is the Chief Minister considering to ensure that matters are dealt with more expeditiously in the future, and does he propose to review the issue of full remuneration while any Court case is resolved ?

Answer

Dealing with difficult cases such as those recently encountered with the Magistrate Designate is not straightforward. An individual must be innocent until proven guilty. In the case of a Justice this is further complicated by the need for separation of powers between judiciary and legislature.

The issues arising are being considered and my proposals will follow best practice elsewhere and be the subject of consultation.