

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMITÉ DES CONNÉTABLES  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2015**

**Question**

Will the Chairman advise members whether the Articles of the Loi (1804) au Sujet des Assemblées Paroissiales:

- (a) are still relevant in 2015 and whether consideration should be given as to whether they should or should not be repealed in part or in their entirety; and
- (b) whether there are any plans to amend or repeal Article 3, which allows Deputies in the States the right to attend Assemblies of the parish they represent, but not vote at them?

**Answer**

- (a) The Articles of the Loi (1804) au Sujet des Assemblées Paroissiales are still relevant as it is this law which sets out the rules for calling and conducting a Parish Assembly.
- (b) There are no plans to amend or repeal Article 3 of the Loi (1804) au Sujet des Assemblées Paroissiales which, in translation, reads:

*Deputies of the States shall have the right to attend, but not to vote, in the Assembly of the Parish that they represent or in which the constituency that they represent is situated, as the case may be.*

If this Article is repealed it will deprive a Deputy who does not live in a Parish but who is elected to represent the constituents of a parish, or district within a parish, of the right to attend and address the Parish Assembly. This would place the Deputy at a disadvantage compared to a Deputy who lives in the parish.

A Deputy who lives in the parish and who is registered as an elector in accordance with the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 is entitled to attend and to vote at a Parish Assembly.