

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMITÉ DES CONNÉTABLES  
BY DEPUTY S.Y. MÉZEC OF ST. HELIER  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 23rd JUNE 2015**

**Question**

Following the decision of the Royal Court to fine the Parish of St. Saviour for being unable to recruit the required number of Centeniers, does the Comité intend to bring forward proposals to change the law to alter the requirement for a particular number to be appointed?

Could the Chairman also advise what actions, if any, the Comité has taken to address recruitment difficulties within those Parishes which have struggled to fulfil the requirements, as has been the case in recent years?

**Answer**

The Comité, in conjunction with each Connétable, keeps under review the authorised strength of the Honorary Police in each Parish which is set out in law. It is ultimately a decision for each Connétable as to the number of Honorary Police officers required to fulfil the community policing role in his parish.

Whilst there has, on this occasion, been a difficulty in finding a Centenier for the Parish of St Saviour this is a relatively isolated situation and the last occasion that a fine was imposed on a parish for failing to fill the office of Centenier was in 2005.