

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
BY DEPUTY S.Y. MÉZEC OF ST. HELIER  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 24th MARCH 2015**

**Question**

Does the Chief Minister intend to lodge a proposition to end the dual role of the Bailiff and, if so, what does he intend to propose as an alternative for the role of Presiding Officer of the States Assembly? Given the Chief Minister's stated support for an end to the dual role of the Bailiff, will this be a matter for which collective responsibility will apply?

**Answer**

I have previously clearly expressed my view both during the debate on this matter last year and during the election period. I have said that this is a complex issue on which we need to start a conversation with the community.

I hope that PPC might consider taking the lead in initiating this conversation and I will be writing to PPC about it in due course.