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4.4 Senator Z.A. Cameron of the Minister for Home Affairs regarding armed police on duty in the Island:

Are armed police currently on duty in the Island and if so, why and when was this decision made?

The Deputy of St. Peter (The Minister for Home Affairs):

The police have an armed capability, which is able to respond 24/7 to spontaneous incidents. Additionally, when the strategic assessment or the threat levels dictates, an armed response is deployed as a tactical option in the interest of security. There is a standing authority signed by the Chief Officer, which allows for the deployment of armed officers where appropriate and available.

4.4.1 Senator Z.A. Cameron:

In the light of increasing concerns about security and radicalisation, does the Minister know how many guns are in private possession in Island homes?

The Deputy of St. Peter:

That is part of the Constable's portfolio in that they collect firearm certificates and it is indicated to me that, yes, we are aware of the guns that are in people's possession on this Island.

Senator Z.A. Cameron:

But she does not have those figures currently to hand?

The Bailiff:

It is not within her responsibility, Senator.

4.4.2 Senator Z.A. Cameron:

In the light of this, has any thought been given to reviewing the way gun licences are issued on the Island?

The Deputy of St. Peter:

At the moment, I am content that there is a proper process that is followed by the Constables in the relevant Parishes.