

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 14TH JUNE 2016**

Question

Following Question 9415, did the complaint from Mr Roy Boschat come to the Minister directly or from another source and, if so, what was that source; what terms of reference has she set for the inquiry by the Police Service of Northern Ireland into the Boschat case; how long does she expect the inquiry to last and what is its estimated cost; from which budget will the investigation be funded; what was the cost of the two previous external police investigations into this matter; and why she considers it necessary to investigate this case again given that there have been two previous investigations by external police forces?

Answer

The official complaint from Mr Boschat was addressed to the Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police and subsequently referred to the Minister for Home Affairs.

The terms of reference include personal data and it would therefore not be appropriate to publically disclose this information whilst the investigation is ongoing.

The timeframe for the investigation is subject to a number of variables. According to provisional indications given by the Police Service of Northern Ireland, the report on the investigation will be finalised after any proceedings, or otherwise may be available by the end of October 2016, further to which it will be given due consideration by the Minister for Home Affairs.

The provisional estimate of costs for the enquiry is £31,432. This is an indicative figure and dependent on the findings of the investigation. Decisions regarding the source of funds will be taken once the final cost is known.

There have been no previous external police investigations into the matters, which are the subject of the complaint made by Mr Roy Boschat, that are being investigated by the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

This independent investigation was commissioned following the receipt of a separate official complaint made against the States of Jersey Police by Mr Boschat and in accordance with advice from the Law Officers' Department.