

4.10 Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier of the Minister for Home Affairs regarding reviews of the States of Jersey Police: [1(493)]

Will the Minister advise Members when the States of Jersey Police were last subject to a full inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and what *ad hoc* reviews, if any, have been commissioned in the interim? If there had been any such reviews, will she indicate when they took place, by whom they were commissioned and what subject matters were covered?

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

I recall the Deputy asking a similar question towards the end of 2015 and, as I stated on that occasion, the States of Jersey Police were last subject to an inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in March 2008. Since then, and as the Deputy alludes to in his question, the force has established arrangements with other national police forces to periodically undertake peer reviews in particular areas of practice. In the past 5 years these have included reviews into the conduct of particular investigations, counterterrorism, working practices, the managing of sex offenders, how the police work with children involved in domestic abuse and the force's organisational health and safety procedures, further examples of reviews conducted by the City of London Police and the College of Policing regarding the force's use of firearms. I regret that it is not possible for me to provide all of the information the Deputy is requesting within the time available to me. I would be happy to provide the information in a written form, if that were acceptable to him.

4.10.1 Deputy M.R. Higgins:

Does the Minister not accept that *ad hoc* reports are very valuable - I accept that, and in the areas concerned - but with 9 years in between a full comprehensive report into the operation of the States of Jersey Police, does she not think that is rather a long period of time so that we can assess the force overall?

The Deputy of St. Peter:

The Deputy, I think, is aware that there is no particular time restriction on the regularity of inspections and this is a matter of discussion between myself and the Jersey Police Authority.

4.10.2 Deputy M.R. Higgins:

Can the Minister tell me how many reports from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary have been carried out before 2008? How frequent were they in that period?

The Deputy of St. Peter:

I am afraid I do not have that information available to me at the moment.

Deputy M.R. Higgins:

I think we will leave it at that for the moment.

[11:00]

The Bailiff:

We come to question 11, which Deputy Higgins will ask of the Minister for Home Affairs. May I just mention to those Members who are listening outside that we are down to 25 within the Chamber and it would be nice if some returned.