

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMITÉ DES CONNÉTABLES
BY SENATOR S.Y. MÉZEC
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th OCTOBER 2018**

Question

Further to the response to Written Question 102/2018, will the Chairman provide an update on the outcome of the workshop held on 14th July 2018 to begin reviewing recruitment to the Honorary Police?

Answer

At the workshop held on 14 July 2018 to begin reviewing recruitment to the Honorary Police there was a wide ranging discussion of options which might be considered to encourage more people to seek election as a member of the Honorary Police.

It was recognised that a range of methods have been used to date, and can be used again, for example advertisements and articles in the Jersey Evening Post, social media and parish magazines as well as outreach events on various parish and island occasions and presentations to groups such as business representatives.

We also considered whether the current age and residence criteria are a barrier to seeking election and so these are being reviewed.

The Connétables are responsible for the efficient and effective policing of their parish; this includes the provision of resources. The Chef de Police is responsible for all operational policing matters. The Honorary Police Association represents its members in matters affecting their welfare. Notwithstanding the separate responsibilities, all parties have begun to work collaboratively on a recruitment campaign although following general agreement the Connétable and Chef de Police of the parish will take the lead in seeking officers to serve in their parish.

We recognise that the public must have sufficient information on the benefits of serving as a member of the Honorary Police. The wide range of training that is available covers problem solving, decision making, team building, leadership and responsibility skills, all of which are transferable to the workplace and are of benefit to employers and businesses.

Our aim is to ensure that individuals who wish to support their Parish and community, to help maintain law and order, can aspire to seek election to serve as a Centenier, Vingtenier or Constable's Officer.