

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMITÉ DES CONNÉTABLES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2018**

Question

Will the Chairman –

- (a) advise whether the number of people currently on the electoral register for St. Helier is some 20% to 30% lower than was recorded for the 2016 by-election;
- (b) publish figures showing numbers on the electoral register for each district in the 2014 elections and the 2016 by-election, as well as the current figures; and
- (c) state what actions, if any, the Comité will take to increase registration in the coming weeks leading up to the general election?

Answer

- (a) The number registered as electors in the Parish of St Helier for the 2016 by-election was 18,779. The number on the electoral register on 14 February 2018 is 16,086. This is a decrease of some 15%. The electoral register is a ‘rolling register’; a person who is entitled to have his or her name included on the register for an electoral district has a duty to apply for registration as soon as practicable (Article 7(4) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002).

The electoral administrator is required to remove a person’s name from the register when –

- i) Satisfied that the person whose name is on the register is deceased or no longer resident in the electoral district (Article 8(3)), and
- ii) A person who has not, for a period of 3 consecutive years, been included in and signed a statement returned under Article 7(3) has been served a notice under Article 8(4) and the confirmation required has not been received within the time specified.

Between elections for States members, the electoral administrators will seek to update the electoral registers by removing the names of those within (i) and (ii) above.

(b)

	2014 elections	2016 by-election	14-Feb-18
St. Brelade no. 1	2,418	2,557	2,348
St. Brelade no. 2	5,164	5,323	5,081
St. Clement	6,244	6,469	5,747
Grouville	3,478	3,637	3,473
St. Helier no. 1	5,335	5,575	4,610
St. Helier no. 2	4,339	4,507	3,797
St. Helier no. 3	8,386	8,697	7,676
St. John	2,139	2,160	2,253
St. Lawrence	3,261	3,757	3,807
St. Martin	2,748	2,807	2,703
St. Mary	1,373	1,401	1,328
St. Ouen	3,100	3,083	2,845
St. Peter	3,604	3,620	3,403
St. Saviour no. 1	3,061	3,089	2,818
St. Saviour no. 2	2,923	3,183	2,938
St. Saviour no. 3	2,385	2,453	2,348
Trinity	2,127	2,143	2,085

- (c) The Annual Statement is sent each year to every unit of dwelling accommodation (Article 7 of the 2002 Law), it is the duty of each person ordinarily resident to check, sign and return the statement so the registers can be updated. The statements were sent out in autumn 2017 for return by 1 December 2017.

A Notice of Registered Voters will be sent out in early March in accordance with Article 7A of the 2002 Law. The notice will contain the names of the persons (if any) whose names are included in respect of that unit of dwelling accommodation on the electoral register for the electoral district; explain where and how to inspect the electoral register; and explain when a person is entitled to be registered and how to register. The notice will also contain other information pertinent to the forthcoming elections in May 2018.

There will also be publicity in the media about the forthcoming elections on 16 May 2018 to ensure those not currently registered have the opportunity to register. Information is available on vote.je and on the parishes' website parish.gov.je

Finally, and subject to the States approving an amendment to the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 (P.2/2018) which will remove the requirement for a signature where an application is made in electronic form, an online application to register as an elector will be available from March 2018.