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15 Deputy M.R. Higgins of the Minister for Home Affairs regarding the records kept in relation to sex offenders in Jersey: (OQ.197/2019)

Is it the Minister's policy not to record the rate of reoffending of sex offenders in Jersey and the effectiveness of the treatment they receive at Her Majesty's Prison La Moye; if not, what steps is he taking to rectify this situation?

Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement (The Minister for Home Affairs):

The simple answer to the question is no, there is no such policy. Reconviction rates of registered sex offenders are recorded as part of J.M.A.P.P.A. (Jersey Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements). I presented J.M.A.P.P.A.'s annual report to the States Assembly in April of this year. In Jersey, during 2018, there were no serious further offences committed by offenders managed under the J.M.A.P.P.A. arrangements.

5.15.1 Deputy M.R. Higgins:

I find the answer slightly strange in relation to a written question that I asked on 30th April. I asked for the recidivism rate for offenders convicted of such criminal offences and the answer to that question was: 'This data has not been collected by the prison, the Probation and After-care Service, or the courts. Policy officials are looking at how such data could be collated in the future.' Could the Minister tell me how that relates to the answer he has just given?

The Connétable of St. Clement:

Yes, of course. I said this morning that the reconviction rates are recorded as part of the J.M.A.P.P.A. arrangement, not the court, prison, or anyone else that the Deputy mentioned.

Deputy M.R. Higgins:

I will be coming back to this again, because I had a written answer, which I think shows again a slightly different answer. I will come back, probably in September.