

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE
CHAIR OF THE PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE
BY DEPUTY S.M. AHIER OF ST. HELIER
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2021**

Question

In respect of the 2022 Election, will the Chair advise the Assembly –

- (a) where the Polling Stations will be located for St. Helier North and St. Helier Central Districts;
- (b) how the electorate in these Districts will be informed of the Polling Stations available to them;
- (c) when the electoral roll for these Districts will be available to election candidates ; and
- (d) how the boundary changes in these Districts will be communicated to the electorate?

Answer

The polling stations for the new St. Helier districts will be determined in the New Year, once the boundaries have been confirmed. It is possible that the polling stations used previously will no longer be in the best locations to maximise public engagement. The views of the Jersey Electoral Authority and St. Helier Parish officials will be sought before any decision is made.

A mail shot to all households across the Island is planned in early January by vote.je, explaining the key changes which will have come into effect once the new legislation is enacted. Further information will then be distributed to all households in early March as part of the electoral registration notice required under Article 7A of the Elections (Jersey) Law 2002. This will not only advise the electorate as to whether they are already registered to vote, but it will also provide information about registration for those eligible within the household who are not currently registered, explain how to apply for postal voting or how to access pre poll and will also confirm which polling station that the householders on the register can access on election day within their district.

Candidates may only access the electoral register in force for an election when they are formally declared as a candidate, so printed copies of the register will only be available for candidates from 18th May 2022. Before that date, copies of the electoral register, as at 1st September 2021, are available for inspection by the public during office hours at each Parish Hall or at the Jersey Library or Judicial Greffe.