

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 14TH MARCH 2017**

**Question**

Will the Chief Minister advise how many complaints, if any, have been made to him and to officers in his Department whilst he has been Chief Minister regarding alleged criminal acts by members of the Planning Department; will he also advise what actions, if any, either he personally or his officers have taken in response to any such complaints; and, if he has taken no personal action in response to any such complaint, will he explain why he has not done so?

**Answer**

While numerous individual matters are referred to the Chief Minister – and this has included matters concerning the Environment Department and their officers – it is not the role of the Chief Minister to take personal action in relation to complaints of criminal nature. Any person who wishes to make an allegation of criminal nature should approach the States of Jersey Police Force, and this is the advice provided to a complainant. A criminal investigation could then result in a subsequent disciplinary matter – and there have been *nil* cases of a criminal matter resulting in disciplinary action in relation to planning officers in the last five years.