

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st MARCH 2011**

Question

“Does the Minister agree that if Jersey is to continue to promote and enhance its international identity and autonomy, as described in Section 15 of the Strategic Plan 2009-2014, it is important for Jersey, through the Chief Minister or the Assistant Chief Minister with special responsibility for International Affairs, to make its position clear on Human Rights violations in other jurisdictions?”

Answer

I believe that Jersey’s position on human rights violations in other jurisdictions is consistent with British foreign policy and with that pursued by other Western jurisdictions. In August 2010, the UK Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs set out a values-based foreign policy, stating that *“We cannot have a foreign policy without a conscience. Foreign policy is domestic policy written large. The values we live by at home do not stop at our shores. Human rights are not the only issue that informs the making of foreign policy, but they are indivisible from it ...”* In this respect, Jersey and British foreign policy are aligned.

Furthermore, Jersey implements UN and EU sanctions or restrictive measures, which are often applied in order to develop and consolidate democracy and the rule of law and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. These sanctions include imposing travel restrictions, trade embargoes, restrictions on financial services and asset-freezes on certain individuals and regimes that are widely recognised to be engaged in conduct contrary to internationally accepted standards.