

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2012**

Question

Can the Minister advise who decided that only metric measurements like kilometres should be used in some Departmental reports?

Does the Minister consider that sea distances should be in nautical miles, land masses that cover statute in miles and meteorological forecasts shown in the Beaufort Scale and, if so, what action, if any, will the Minister take to ensure future reports use the correct measurements?

Answer

I am not aware of anyone who has decided, or indeed has the authority to decide, that only metric measurements should be used in Departmental reports. It is for departments, and the authors of departmental reports, to determine which is the most appropriate measurement to use when writing reports.

If the Connétable is concerned about a specific report(s) and the consistency in the use of appropriate measurements within the report(s) perhaps he could advise me and I will look into it.