

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS  
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 19th JULY 2010**

**Question**

Would the Minister advise on whose instructions it was that Operation Blast was instigated and whether the instructions came from outside or within the Island?

If from off-Island was it from UK Security Services or elsewhere?

What action, if any, is to be taken to notify a member of the content of any file held on them?

What action, if any, will the Minister take against the instigator and can he confirm that the files are now closed?

**Answer**

Operation Blast was instigated on the instructions of the Chief Officer of Police. There were no instructions from outside the Island and no involvement of any outside group of individuals in relation to its instigation.

Members of the 2005 – 2008 States can contact the Acting Chief Officer if they wish to know what is held on them. He will not be able to inform them of any information received from the UK Intelligence Services.

The disciplinary proceedings against Mr Power have been discontinued due to the lack of time for completion.