

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
BY DEPUTY OF ST. MARTIN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2009**

Question

1. Will the Minister advise the Assembly of the combined total complaints made against the States and Honorary Police and referred to the Jersey Police Complaints Authority for each year from 2001 to December 2008?

Answer

The total complaints referred to JPCA are as follows:

Total number of complaints annually

Number of cases referred	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
SoJP	17	20	30	34	26	28	32	25
Hon Police	0	1	0	3	4	2	4	2
Total referred	17	21	30	37	30	30	36	27

Question

2. In relation to the States Police, of the Complaints referred, how many were against –
(a) Police Constables and Sergeants
(b) all other ranks?

Answer

- (a) The number of complaints referred against Police Constables and Sergeants and
(b) The number of complaints referred against all other ranks are noted in the table-

SOJP Complaints by Officer grade

Officer Grade	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
PC's/Sgts.	17	20	29	30	24	28	25	22
Other Ranks	0	0	1	4	2	0	7	3
Total	17	20	30	34	26	28	32	25

Question

3. How many of those complaints were investigated and substantiated?

Answer

All cases referred to JPCA were supervised by JPCA – investigations are undertaken by members of SOJP Police Standards Department or by members of an external UK Police Force, if appointed. The table shows the number of cases substantiated or partly substantiated in each year-

Cases substantiated against SOJP officers

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
0	1	4	4	3	1	2	3

Question

4. In relation to the Honorary Police of the combined total how many complaints were against –
- (a) Constable’s Officers and Vingteniers
 (b) Centeniers?

Answer

In relation to the Honorary Police the analysis of complaints split between
 (a) Constable’s Officers and Vingteniers and
 (b) Centeniers is shown below-

Honorary police Complaints by Grade

Officer Grade	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
CO’s + Vingteniers.	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	1
Centeniers	0	0	0	2	2	1	3	1
Total	0	1	0	3	4	2	4	2

Question

5. How many of those complaints were investigated and substantiated?

Answer

All these cases were supervised by JPCA with the same observations as regards the investigation process as noted in 3 above . The number substantiated is –

Honorary Police complaints substantiated

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0

Question

6. What is the annual budget allocated to the Authority?

Answer

The annual budget allocated to the Authority remains £18,000; this is unchanged since formation.

Question

7. What formal and refresher training, if any, is given to members of the Authority to ensure consistency in the investigation of complaints?

Answer

The members of JPCA do not undertake investigations - that is not part of their remit under the relevant Law. Their role is to oversee, monitor and supervise the investigation to ensure that they are carried out in an impartial, thorough and meticulous manner. JPCA is required to approve the investigating officer in the first instance.

No formal training is given to members. Their role is to take an independent and reasonable view of the investigations, their handling and conclusions. All case files are reviewed by the Chairman of JPCA to ensure consistency of approach and periodic review meetings of all members are held.

Question

8. How many meetings are held annually by the Authority?

Answer

There are normally 2 meetings annually.