

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
BY DEPUTY J. MAÇON OF ST. SAVIOUR
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th MARCH 2010**

Question

"When will the Minister bring to the States for ratification a revised Disciplinary Code for the Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police and, if he has no proposals to do so, could he state why not?"

Answer

Following the announcement by the Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police that he is due to retire, I will shortly be bringing a proposition to the States to appoint a successor. In advance of the appointment, it is my intention, in conjunction with the States Employment Board, to revise the Disciplinary Code to the extent that it will affect the next Chief Officer. It is not my intention to bring the Disciplinary Code to the States for ratification, as that is not in accordance with Article 9(1) of the Police Force (Jersey) Law 1974, as amended, which states:

"The Chief Officer shall be appointed by the States on such terms as to salary and conditions of service as the States Employment Board may from time to time determine."

I also intend to review and bring amendments to the Police Force (Jersey) Law 1974 in respect of the terms and conditions of appointment (including the disciplinary provisions for Chief Officers and Deputy Chief Officers of the States of Jersey Police). As members will be aware, however, changes to legislation take time, and whilst the Disciplinary Code will be amended before a successor to the current Chief Officer is appointed, it will not be possible for the changes to the Law to have been implemented.