

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF COMITÉ DES CONNÉTABLES
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th JULY 2010**

Question

“Following on from his statement on 17th November 2009 regarding the number of Connétables holding warrant cards, would the Chairman advise whether any other States Members, other than Connétables, have warrant cards; and whether he considers such policing powers by politicians are compliant with Jersey’s international human rights obligations, and specifically the UN covenant on civil and political rights?”

Answer

In my statement on 17th November 2009, I replied to a question from Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier asking which Connétables still held warrant cards and if any had served time in the Honorary Police in another capacity. I advised that six Connétables held a 'warrant card'; that the cards were issued to these Connétables as a proof of identity should it be required and of these Connétables only two had served in the Honorary Police in another capacity. In view of the fact that only serving members of the Honorary Police would hold a 'warrant card' no other States Member would be entitled to do so.

In relation to whether the holding of policing powers by politicians is compliant with Jersey’s international human rights obligations, Deputy Tadier has tabled an oral question to HM Attorney General and I concur that he is the correct person to address this issue.