

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th MAY 2016**

Question

For what reasons the Assistant Minister decided to ask the Police Service of Northern Ireland to investigate allegations made against the States of Jersey Police by Mr Roy Boschat, what powers she has used in ordering that investigation, what estimate has been made of the cost to the States of the exercise, and from whose budget such costs will be paid.

Answer

The Assistant Minister for Home Affairs commissioned an independent investigation, to be conducted by the Police Service of Northern Ireland, following the receipt of an official complaint against the States of Jersey Police from Mr Roy Boschat.

The Assistant Minister used the power in Article 26 of the States of Jersey Law 2005, as delegated, which enables a Minister to enter into an agreement for the purpose of her office. The purpose of the Minister's office includes having overall and ultimate responsibility for the functioning of the States Police Force in accordance with Article 3 of the States of Jersey Police Force Law 2012.

Following the completion of their initial scoping visit, the Police Service of Northern Ireland are estimating the cost for the investigation, although any such estimate will be an indicative figure given the early stage of the investigation, and decisions will be taken subsequently regarding the source of funds.