

**Establishment of the Police Authority - statement**

The President of the Home Affairs Committee made a statement in the following terms -

“On 18th May 1998 the States approved the establishment, by law, of a Police Authority and in September of that year appointed seven members of the Authority under the Chairmanship of Mr. Robin Rumboll for a period of four years. The Authority was required to bring forward, within two years, an action plan of legislative changes.

Since its establishment the Police Authority has acted in a ‘shadow’ capacity to both the Defence Committee, who have responsibility for the States of Jersey Police Force, and the Parish Connétables who have responsibility for the honorary police of their respective parishes. With the help of the Law Officers, the Authority has also embarked on the complex task of identifying the legislative changes necessary to implement the many recommendations contained in the report of the Working Party on Policing.

Following the creation of the new Home Affairs Committee, it is necessary to change certain members of the Police Authority and the Committee intends to bring a proposition to the States within the next few weeks.

The Committee continues to be of the opinion that the establishment of the new Police Authority by law is a matter of urgency and has requested that a full report be presented by the end of this year. Meanwhile, the Chairman of the Authority has been invited to attend all meetings of the Home Affairs Committee and to participate in all matters relating to policing which form part of the Committee’s current responsibilities.”