

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2013**

Question

Further to the 2011 Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel report on Policing of Beaches and Parks and its recommendation to introduce fixed penalties for littering and dog fouling, will the Minister advise what progress, if any, he has made on this front, whether he intends to introduce fixed penalties and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

Answer

The issue of the possible introduction of a fixed penalty system does not strictly lie within my area of responsibility.

In response to the Scrutiny Panel report SR 10/2011, I accepted that there could be merit in taking the fixed penalty notice system forward in tandem with the Honorary Police, whilst emphasising how fortunate Jersey is to have an honorary system which filters out most minor offending and enables people to be dealt with outside the court system.

When I met with the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel in February this year, I suggested to the Connétable of St Brelade, who was, at that time a member of the Panel, that he should take the matter of enforcement in respect of littering and dog fouling to the Comité des Connétables so that they could take a view on the Centeniers' powers. I suggested that the Comité could write to me and the Attorney General for the matter to be tabled at a Criminal Justice System Board meeting.

It was suggested at that time that the issue could be dealt with by civil penalty notice which could give rise to a criminal sanction if not paid in line with changes which were envisaged to the branchage Law.

Once the Comité des Connétables have had the opportunity to consider this issue, I would be happy to table the matter at a meeting of the Criminal Justice System Board.