

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY
DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st JULY 2008

Question

Will the Chief Minister clarify for members the position regarding the ability of States employees to campaign on behalf of candidates in an election using holiday entitlement or unpaid leave?

Answer

An employee who is deemed to be “politically eligible” under the appropriate regulations is free to campaign on behalf of candidates in an election in their own time. Whether or not they would be granted normal holiday entitlement or unpaid leave for this purpose would be treated like any other request in this respect – i.e. by their line manager and depending upon the exigencies of the service.