WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2019

Question

Further to the response to Written Question 391/2019, does the Minister propose to change the Police (Complaints and Discipline)(Jersey) Law 1999, the Police (Honorary Police Complaints and Discipline Procedure) (Jersey) Regulations 2000 and the Police Complaints and Discipline Procedure)(Jersey) Order 2000 to incorporate a specific obligation that the complainant is to be interviewed or asked to provide evidence as part of an investigation; and if not, why not?

Answer

There is an ongoing review of the Police (Complaints and Discipline) (Jersey) Law 1999, the Police (Honorary Police Complaints and Discipline Procedure) (Jersey) Regulations 2000 and the Police Complaints and Discipline Procedure) (Jersey) Order 2000. This has resulted in the development of updated legislation which reflects best practice in recording, investigating and addressing complaints against the Police. This has been circulated more widely to seek the views of other interested parties following which it will be lodged in the normal manner for States scrutiny and debate. It may not always be appropriate to interview a complainant and this is being considered as part of the update to the legislation.