

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. JOHN
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2021**

Question

Further to concerns expressed by the Assistant Chief Minister to the media regarding the slaughter of dolphins in the Faroe Islands, will the Chief Minister state what action, if any, has been taken by the Government to highlight the issues of animal rights abuses and whaling practices with –

- (a) the Government of the Faroe Islands;
- (b) the U.K. Government; and
- (c) the Island Games Association and the Jersey Island Games Association;

and will he also state what action has been taken, if any, to raise concerns regarding these issues with other jurisdictions, in particular Japan, Iceland and Norway?

Answer

Given the relationship held directly with the Government of the Faroe Islands, the Government of Jersey has taken the following steps:

- On 29th September 2021, the Head of UK Affairs, based in the Jersey London Office, wrote to the Head of Representation in London of the Government of the Faroe Islands.
- On 1st October 2021, the Minister for External Relations wrote to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Education in the Government of the Faroe Islands.

Senator Farnham has written to the Chair of the International Island Games Association regarding this matter, and to the Chairs of the Committees of each member island and to Ministers in each participating jurisdiction.

Further to the response to a Freedom of Information Request published on 22nd October, no correspondence has been undertaken to raise concerns regarding whaling by Japan, Iceland or Norway.