

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2012**

Question

Can the Minister clarify what role, if any, the Bailiff may play in live police operational matters and state whether there are any police procedures that would permit a complaint relating to allegations of corruption sent directly to the Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police to be passed by the police to the Bailiff?

Answer

The Police Procedures and Criminal Evidence (Jersey) Law 2003 makes provision for the States of Jersey Police to, when deemed necessary during the course of an investigation, apply for search warrants and production orders. Production orders are required when the police need private information on an individual whom they are investigating and which is held by a company or other organisation. Search warrants and production orders require the authorisation of the Bailiff which may or may not be granted following a representation by the investigating officer. This is the only role played by the Bailiff in live police operational matters.

All complaints against police are overseen by the Deputy Chief Officer of Police and are investigated by the Professional Standards Department. Any complaint sent directly to the Chief of Police will be referred to his Deputy for consideration.

Criminal allegations of corruption are investigated the same as any other criminal offence. Neither the Chief Officer nor his Deputy are aware of any procedures which would permit complaints of corruption sent directly to the Chief being passed by the police to the Bailiff.