

3.4 Deputy S. Power of St. Brelade of the Chairman of the Comité des Connétables regarding long service medals for members of the Honorary Police:

Could the Chairman outline to the Assembly the criteria under which any member of the Honorary Police could be served or issued with a long-service medal for diligent service to the Parish and community, particularly in light of their recent involvement in various high profile incidents, including bad weather, and could he inform the Assembly if and when long-service medals might ever be awarded?

Connétable J.L.S. Gallichan of Trinity (Chairman, Comité des Connétables):

Service by members of the Honorary Police is recognised by the Parish in which they serve. This may be on retirement or to recognise completion of several terms of office, for example, an award after 9 years' service or after 18 years' service.

[10:00]

Special awards can also be made to recognise an officer's exceptional conduct and service on a particular occasion.

3.4.1 Deputy S. Power:

Could the Chairman clarify for the Assembly whether the Comité des Connétables as a whole, because the Chairman said that the Parish Constables issue... that all Constables are in agreement that there should be recognition to the Honorary Police for diligence and long service from our Honorary Police?

The Connétable of Trinity:

Yes.

3.4.2 The Connétable of St. John:

Will the Constable agree that not all Parishes give long-service presentations whether it be by a scroll, whether it be by a glass receptacle after 18 years of service, that would be given by the Honorary Police Association, but generally there is no hard and fast presentation rule across the 12 Parishes?

The Connétable of Trinity:

That is correct.

3.4.3 Deputy M. Tadier:

Will the Chairman consider that in the event of any glass receptacles being awarded to any of our diligent Honorary Policemen and women that we seek to use some kind of recycled glass composite which could be put in to make sure that obviously it would need to be of sufficiently high quality to be engravable, *et cetera*. But that would use local recycled glass, because I think that is what our Honorary Police would want.

The Connétable of Trinity:

We do our best. [Laughter]

3.4.4 Deputy S. Power:

Could the Chairman give any indication to the Assembly as to whether there is a collective or a collegiate approach by the Comité des Connétables as to a standard type approach or presentation or design of a medal or a glass receptacle or something, because it appears to me that there are grounds for the Connétables to get together and agree something which is across all 12 Parishes? Could he give an indication?

The Connétable of Trinity:

I totally agree with the Deputy and we are at the present time ongoing looking into a long-service medal and that hopefully will happen in due course.

Deputy S. Power:

Could I just clarify? Does he have an idea of timescale?

The Connétable of Trinity:

As soon as possible. [Laughter]

The Bailiff:

If it is any assistance, Deputy Power, if I have anything to do with it, before I cease as the Bailiff.

Deputy S. Power:

Thank you, Sir. That is very reassuring.