

2.15 Deputy J.J. Huet of St. Helier of the Chairman of the Jersey Executive Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association regarding alleged complaints of bad behaviour received by the Jersey Executive Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association concerning one of the Jersey delegates attending a conference in 2007:

Will the Chairman confirm whether complaints of bad behaviour were received by the Jersey Executive Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association concerning one of the Jersey delegates attending a conference in 2007 and, if so, would he explain to Members how the Executive Committee dealt with these complaints and what action, if any, was taken against the States Member concerned?

Senator M.E. Vibert (Chairman of the Jersey Executive Branch of the C.P.A.):

The Jersey Executive Branch of the C.P.A. has received no official complaints of bad behaviour concerning any delegates attending any conference or other events in 2007 or, as far as I am aware, has ever received such a complaint.

2.15.1 Deputy J.J. Huet:

I originally wanted to ask this question of the Chief Minister as I had been told by contacts abroad that it was to him that these complaints had been directed about the drunken behaviour and sexist remarks to women parliamentarians last year and I believe this was brought up at the C.P.A. meeting this year, in January, and I believe it was agreed that this member would no longer be asked to represent us abroad. I would like to know if this is true on both those statements and did the speaker and the Chief Minister speak to the member and, if not, why not?

Senator M.E. Vibert:

I cannot answer on behalf of the Chief Minister obviously. I can inform Members that comments were made informally concerning an issue at one C.P.A. event and this was followed up with the branch concerned who did not believe there had been a problem. I regret at what could be construed as trying to use the C.P.A. in political point scoring. I have no wish for the C.P.A. to be drawn into such issues.

Deputy J.J. Huet:

I thank the Minister for his reply. Unfortunately, we do not have the answers I think we should have.