

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2010**

Question

"Will the Minister advise how many complaints, if any, have been received by the States of Jersey Police over the past twelve months relating to anti-social behaviour emanating from the area around the Albert Quay Apartments and surrounding land, particularly problems involving cars and motor bikes; further still, how many arrests have been made and how many charges have been brought against those involved in such anti-social behaviour?"

Given the number of complaints from residents concerning anti-social behaviour involving cars and motorbikes outside the Albert Quay Apartments, will the Minister advise whether it is the responsibility of the States of Jersey Police or the Harbours Department to deal with this; and whether speed limits and Island-wide restrictions on the sounding of horns within certain hours can be enforced by the States of Jersey Police?"

Answer

A total of 114 incidents have been recorded by the police in the area of Albert Quay.

This represents all incidents, and not the number of public complaints. Nearly 10% of incident logs were created by Police officers dealing with occurrences directly, and not as a result of calls from the public - in addition to responding to reports from the public, officers have been specifically tasked to patrol the area since March 2009.

Summary	Total
Drugs	4
Other offence	2
Road Traffic Collision	4
Suspicious activity	1
Antisocial behaviour/Public Order	41
Motoring Antisocial behaviour/offences	62
Grand Total	114

In the vast majority of cases the States of Jersey Police have responded very swiftly, often within 10 minutes. The States of Jersey Police have also used CCTV to monitor the area. In most cases officers have found no problems with drivers or persons located in the area.

Over the last year 8 arrests have been made in the locality:

- 4 x drugs offences
- 1 x drink drive
- 1 x anti-social behaviour
- 1 x public order
- 1 x taking and driving away

The States of Jersey Police can deal with offences in the area in accordance with the relevant legislation, be this speeding, sounding of horns or any other offences.

The States of Jersey Police and the Harbours Department have been in liaison in an effort to resolve the reported problems.

I believe that it will be possible to considerably reduce the amount of anti-social behaviour being reported in the area by introducing barriers which would restrict public access to the area, particularly at night time. Such an

approach would be preferable and would avoid the current considerable use of Police time and resources.