

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO H.M. ATTORNEY GENERAL
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 5th MARCH 2013**

Question

Has there ever been recorded an acknowledged miscarriage of justice (the conviction and punishment of a person for a crime they did not commit) in Jersey; and if so, when did this take place and what did it involve?

Answer

The Law Officers' Department is not in a position to conduct historical research and accordingly the Attorney General is not in a position to answer this question.

It is assumed that the question is not intended to refer to cases in which conviction or sentence has been overturned on appeal.

Whilst the Attorney General is not aware of any "acknowledged miscarriage of justice" as defined in the question any conviction is subject to rights of appeal to a higher court and, for a conviction in the Royal Court, to the provisions of Articles 26 and 43 of the Court of Appeal (Jersey) Law 1961 the full terms of which may be found online.