STATES OF JERSEY



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Lodged au Greffe on 21st April 2009 by the Minister for Home Affairs

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PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (b) -

Delete the words "and officer of the States of Jersey Police".

MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS

REPORT

The Police (Complaints and Discipline) (Jersey) Law 1999 established the Jersey Police Complaints Authority, made provision for the investigation of complaints about, and the procedures, rights and powers relating to disciplinary charges against, members of the Force, port control officers and members of the Honorary Police. The Police (Complaints and Discipline Procedure) (Jersey) Order 2000 was made in pursuance of Article 15 of the Law and details the processes and procedures which put the Law into effect as they affect members of the Force and port control officers. In particular, Article 4 details the circumstances under which the Chief Officer may suspend a member of the Force or a port control officer.

Consequently, the current method of dealing with complaints against members of the Force and port control officers is governed by statute and by an Order which, as subsidiary legislation, has the force of law. It is not possible, therefore, for all the provisions set out in paragraph (a) of the proposition in respect of the States of Jersey Police to come into effect within 42 days as required by paragraph (b) of the proposition. They cannot be fully implemented without amendment to the relevant legislation.

I am aware of the amendments sought by the Chief Minister and support these.

There are no financial or manpower implications for the States arising from the adoption of this amendment.