

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4th MARCH 2014**

Question

Will the Home Affairs Minister inform members whether there is an investigation into the Police by the Data Protection Commissioner and, if so, whether it is centred around the role of the Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police, the Deputy Chief Officer and Human Resources Officer accessing or attempting to access sensitive personal information on a police officer without permission of the police officer concerned?

Answer

It is not appropriate for me to comment on any investigation that the Data Protection Commissioner may be undertaking.

The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner ('ODPC') is independent of government, although the general area of data protection falls within the responsibility of the Chief Minister.

Requirements to report and / or publish its activities are defined by statute (Part 6 of the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2005) and by any applicable policies:

- Each year, it produces an Annual Report which provides statistics on complaints.
- Article 59 of the 2005 Law restricts the disclosure of information obtained by or disclosed to the Commissioner.
- ODPC has issued a Policy Statement and Guidance on Complaint Handling and a Policy Statement and Guidance on Communicating Enforcement Activities.