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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 28th APRIL 2015

Question

Will the Chief Minister advise members how many individuals and/or organizations have met or corresponded with him complaining about the actions of the Department of Environment's Enforcement Officers and detail what action, if any, he intends to take to address those complaints?

Answer

In the course of my duties as the Chief Minister I receive many representations from applicants concerning live applications for planning matters or concerning enforcement matters in relation to actions taken by the Planning Department.

I do not have an exact number of representations made but when an official complaint is received, the background to the complaint will be reviewed and if there are sufficient grounds for an independent investigation, this will be managed by my department.

I am aware of a long running allegation and complaint and I will be undertaking further investigations in conjunction with the Minister for Environment to ensure the matter is resolved as quickly as possible.