

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2013**

Question

Will the Minister explain how many complaints, if any, he has received in the last three years from former police officers alleging that the Chief and Deputy Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police have perverted the course of justice and explain –

- (a) in how many cases he has called in an external police force to investigate the complaint;
- (b) in how many cases he has conducted an investigation into the allegations; and
- (c) the criteria and procedures he has used or followed to determine whether such allegations merit an investigation?

Answer

As I advised Deputy Higgins when he asked similar questions on 4 June and 2 July 2013, it is not generally appropriate for me to speak publicly about any complaints that may or may not have been made against any police officer, including the Chief and Deputy Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police.

To repeat the answer that I gave on 2 July 2013, in the event of a criminal allegation such as perverting or attempting to pervert the course of justice being made against the Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police, the Attorney General would advise as to whether or not a criminal investigation were merited. If the Attorney General were to advise that there should be a criminal investigation then I would expect the investigation to be conducted by a senior officer from another force.