

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 19th JULY 2010**

Question

Will the Chairman advise if she is aware of any other national assembly, other than Jersey's, which has representatives who are police officers, and, if so, will she list them?

Will the Chairman advise if the Privileges and Procedures Committee will investigate whether it is best practice for police officers to be permitted to sit in the States Assembly as voting members?

Answer

The Privileges and Procedures Committee has not had cause to investigate whether other national assemblies have representatives who are police officers.

The Connétable is the only police officer permitted to sit in the States Assembly as a voting member. Connétables are not present in the Assembly as police officers, but as parish representatives, and are only able to be present due to the non-operational nature of their rôle, as outlined by H.M. Attorney General during oral questions on 6th July 2010.

Having discussed this matter at its meeting on 13th July 2010, the Committee has no current plans to review this matter.