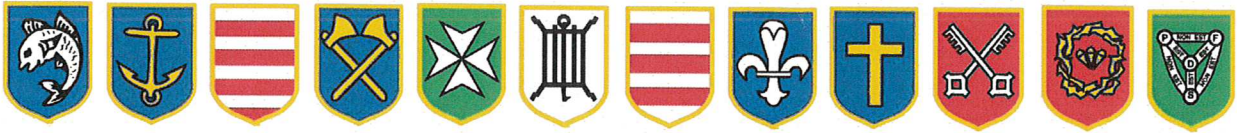


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Dear Rob

P.97/2020 - Deployment and use of Energy Conductive Devices ('Tasers') by the States of Jersey Police (SOJP).

Thank you for your letter dated 10 August 2020 regarding the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel's review in relation to the P.97/2020 - Deployment and use of Energy Conductive Devices ('Tasers') by the States of Jersey Police (SOJP).

The Comité discussed the terms of reference for the Review and the specific questions put by the Panel. Whilst noting that each Connétable will make their own decision on P.97/2020, the Comité commented in general terms that –

- The SOJP should be appropriately equipped to undertake their role and this could include the use of a Taser, subject to appropriate safeguards, by an SOJP officer who is properly trained.
- In relation to the potential impact of a Taser on situations where there are significant concerns in relation to a person's mental wellbeing or vulnerable individuals (including children and young people), the Comité agrees the Review Panel should seek expert advice.

We trust this response is of assistance to the review.

Yours sincerely

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