

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
BY DEPUTY T.M. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 23rd MARCH 2010**

Question

“Will the Minister advise what progress has been made regarding plans for the creation of an Independent Jersey Police Authority and further still, at what date does he believe the necessary preparation work will be completed and the Authority launched?”

Answer

In late December 2009 I requested the Chief Officer, Home Affairs, to prepare a report in relation to the creation of an Independent Jersey Police Authority. He worked in consultation with the Acting Chief Officer States of Jersey Police and the report was produced earlier this month.

In January 2010 I spoke to 6 members of the Assembly, including the questioner, and asked them if they would be prepared to be involved in a Consultative Group on this issue. I have recently written to them enclosing the report and with a view to setting up the first meeting.

Various policy decisions will need to be made, and I intend to bring a general Proposition to the States in order that the general principles involved can be discussed.

Once the principles have been decided by the States, my department will work with the Law Draftsman’s Office with a view to the relevant legislation being passed in the first half of 2011 and the Authority launched in the second half of 2011.

Further details are contained in my comment to P.23/2010.