

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMITÉ DES CONNÉTABLES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 15th MAY 2007

Question

Is the Comité satisfied that the current electoral register is a 'rolling register' and, if not, will the Comité be proposing any reforms in conjunction with the Privileges and Procedures Committee?

Answer

The electoral register is prepared in accordance with the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 and the Comité is satisfied that it is a **3-year** rolling register.

Article 6(1) provides that a register should be prepared "*...for 1st July 2006 and for 1st July in every third year after that ...*".

A new register is therefore started every third year and, for the 3-year period, is a rolling register with names added and deleted as a person becomes, or ceases to be, entitled to have his/her name included on the electoral register.

A person is entitled on a particular day to have his name included on the electoral register for an electoral district if on that day the person is –

- (a) at least 18 years old;
- (b) is ordinarily resident in that district and
- (c) has been -
 - (i) ordinarily resident in Jersey for the period of at least 2 years up to and including that day; or
 - (ii) ordinarily resident in Jersey for a period of at least 6 months up to and including that day, as well as having been ordinarily resident in Jersey at any time for an additional period of, or for additional periods that total, at least 5 years.

The information is updated throughout the year as information is received that a person has reached 18 years of age, moved address or satisfies the residence criteria.

An annual check of the information is also undertaken. A statement is sent each year to every unit of dwelling accommodation setting out the names of the persons, if any, whose names are included on the registers. These statements must be checked, corrected if necessary, signed and returned to the Connétable of the parish. The registers are updated with this information. A letter will be sent to every person who does not return a statement, or subsequent reminders, advising that their name will be omitted from the register if they are no longer ordinarily resident in the district.