

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO H.M. ATTORNEY GENERAL
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th DECEMBER 2012**

Question

Under Article 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, is the political, jurisdictional, or international status of the States of Jersey that of a ‘Trust’ government?

Answer

The full text of Article 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is as follows –

“Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty”.

I understand that the expression trust territory or country in Article 2 refers to United Nations trust territories, which were the successors of the remaining League of Nations mandates and came into being when the League of Nations ceased to exist in 1946.

Jersey therefore is not and never has been a trust territory