

3.11 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of the Chairman of the Jersey Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association regarding the selection of delegates for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association conference in October 2014:

Which Members have been selected to attend the annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Association conference in October 2014 and what were the criteria for selection?

Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement (Chairman, Jersey Branch, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association):

Recognising that it was unlikely that many applications will be received to represent the States at this conference, falling as it does only a week before our elections, the Executive Committee of the Jersey Branch invited the Deputy Bailiff to lead the delegation. I am delighted that he accepted. Subsequently, all Members were invited to express interest in attending the conference. Only 2 did so, namely, the Dean and the Deputy of St. Ouen. Accordingly, the Jersey Branch, having 3 delegates, both were selected.

3.11.1 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains:

Obviously, as the Chairman has stated, an unusual situation with the election arriving at that time, I wonder why it was not possible, seeing that it was an exceptional situation, to accept, for example, ex-Members of the Assembly into the candidature. For example, I have often wondered, Constables' positions, it seems they are technically *ex officio*.

The Connétable of St. Clement:

Members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Jersey Branch are Members of the States, not former Members. Therefore, it would not have been possible to invite applications from former Members.