

**POLICING OF THE ISLAND (P.49/98):
AMENDMENT**

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by Deputy M.F. Dubras of St. Lawrence**



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In sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) for the word Force substitute the word Service.

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Report

The nature of contemporary policing is at odds with the impression conveyed by the present name, that of a military-style uniformed 'force'. The many forms of policing provided today are as much, if not more, dedicated to the prevention of crime and maintenance of the peace as they are to the apprehension of crime in a democratic society.

My understanding is that, traditionally, the ethos of the Honorary Police has been to provide a service to the parish communities that was much broader than just policing. From my earlier experiences living in the heart of St. Helier, the feeling was of a police presence similar to that now exemplified by community policing.

Today, the public want both the Honorary Police and the States of Jersey Police together to provide a complete and "high quality service to our community" (Strategic Aim No. 6 of the Annual Report of the States of Jersey Police 1996) in response to the changing needs, norms and attitudes of society.

It is my opinion that, notwithstanding the occasional (hopefully, very rare) show of force with the deployment of armed police in the Island, the expectation of the public and the prevailing attitude of all police officers is for the provision of a professional policing service (see introduction and content of Annual Report).

I believe the States of Jersey Police Service is a much more appropriate name that matches the existing and accepted mission and objectives of our Police, and this is a timely opportunity to make the change.