

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER 2009**

Question

Will the Chief Minister advise whether Ministers have met with their French counterparts since December 2008, and if so, detail which Ministers and the dates of the meetings?

When was the last joint working meeting held between the States of Jersey and the Conseil General de la Manche and what matters were discussed?

As the Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie is about to be re-constituted, do the reforms have the full backing of the Council of Ministers?

When will the next meeting with the Conseil General de la Manche take place?

Answer

A meeting with the Conseil général d'Ile-et-Vilaine took place on 15th September 2009. Ministers attending were the Chief Minister, the Minister of Transport and Technical Services and the Minister of Education, Sport and Culture. The meetings were also attended by Assistant Minister Deputy Duhamel, Deputy Hill and Connétable Crowcroft.

A meeting with the Conseil général de la Manche was held on 9th July 2009. Ministers attending were the Chief Minister, the Minister for Economic Development, the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture and the Assistant Minister for Planning and Environment Deputy Duhamel.

A further informal meeting with the Conseil général de la Manche was held on 23rd October 2009 at the Conseil général offices in St. Lo, attended by the Chief Minister and Connétable Vibert.

Finally informal meetings were held during celebrations to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the D-Day landings, attended by the Chief Minister and the chairman of the Comité des Connétables, together with the former Bailiff.

As previously stated, the last joint working meeting between Ministers and elected representatives of the Conseil général de la Manche was on 9th July 2009. The matters discussed were economic affairs, education, sport and culture and environmental issues.

Although correspondence has recently been received by the Chief Minister's office, the Council of Ministers has not yet considered the proposed reforms of the Jersey branch of the Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie.

A date has not yet been agreed for the next meeting between Ministers and the Conseil général de la Manche, but it is likely to be between July and September 2010.