

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th OCTOBER 2007

Question

Will the Minister advise members, what steps, if any, have been taken to address the 'less than adequate staffing' of the Joint Financial Crimes Unit (JFCU) that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) reported in 2003, and will she inform members if the current level of staffing and experience within the JFCU now meets the requirements of the IMF?

Answer

In 2003 the IMF report identified that the JFCU was under resourced with 15 permanent personnel (2.5 being temporary) and that effort should be made to bring it up to strength. Therefore the authorised establishment today is 17.5 posts although the actual establishment of the unit at today's date is 18.5 permanent staff..

The JFCU contains the following:

1	Detective Inspector
2	Detective Sergeants
9	Detective Constables
1	Senior Customs and Immigration Officer
2	Customs and Immigration Officers
3.5	Civilian staff
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18.5	Total

It is considered that we currently meet all our international obligations regarding co-operation and providing mutual assistance, whilst resources are kept under constant review.

Where workloads may be expected to increase with proposed enhancements to the regulatory regime, resources will be considered within the financial and manpower implication reports accompanying those proposals.

An IMF working party/steering group has been meeting regularly to review the 2003 IMF recommendations and consider proposals for the 2008 review. This steering group includes delegates from the SOJP, Law Officers' Department and Jersey Financial Services Commission.