

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th JULY 2010**

Question

“Given the Police Court Magistrate is not undertaking Court duties, will the Minister consider terminating his contract and at the same time put in place a claim for wages paid to be returned?”

Answer

Neither as Chief Minister nor as Chairman of the States Employment Board do I have authority to terminate the contract of the Police Court Magistrate. He is appointed by the Bailiff and can only be discharged from office by virtue of an Order of Her Majesty in Council.

The sentiments which lie behind the second part of the question strike at the very heart of the policy that suspension/exclusion is a neutral act and are therefore ones which I cannot support.