

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2018**

**Question**

Will the Minister advise –

- (a) how many officers are allocated to the Public Protection Unit;
- (b) what the Unit's budget is;
- (c) whether or not there are any vacancies in the Unit;
- (d) how many alleged crimes have been reported since January in relation to offences against children;
- (e) in how many such cases have charges been brought; and
- (f) how many such crimes have been successfully prosecuted?

**Answer**

- (a) The current establishment set for the Public Protection Unit (PPU) is 11 officers. In addition, 2 officers are currently working as part of the PPU in response to the recommendations of the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry. The additional funding for these posts (£120,000) is in place until the end of 2019.
- (b) The budget for the PPU is £1.5million.
- (c) There are currently 2 vacancies in the PPU.
- (d) The States of Jersey Police (SoJP) have recorded 278 complaints of crimes against children (under 18) this year to date. 33 of these are historic (more than 1 year old).
- (e) & (f) 17 of these cases have been successfully prosecuted through the Courts. An additional 17 have been dealt with at Parish Hall Enquiries.

Other outcomes include:

- 14 cases assessed as not in the public interest to proceed.
- 85 cases where no complaint was forthcoming.
- 43 cases where there was insufficient evidence to proceed.
- 49 cases are the subject of an on-going investigation.