

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO H.M. ATTORNEY GENERAL
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4TH JULY 2017**

Question

Further to his answer to written questions 1(311) on 6th June 2017, and 1(353) on 20th June 2017, will H.M. Attorney General advise what other legislation, if any, beyond the 1930 and 1965 Laws cited in the first answer, relate to the roles and duties of H.M. Attorney General and H.M. Solicitor General in relation to the giving of advice to the Council of Ministers, Departments of the States and the States of Jersey Assembly?

Answer

The answer given on 6 June 2017 set out in broad terms the nature and origin of the role and duty of the Law Officers with respect to Ministers, Members and the Assembly as a whole.

The response to the further question given on 20 June 2017 listed some (but by no means all) of the legislation setting out the roles and duties of the Law Officers. There are many other statutes which are relevant in this regard.

As to this further question, the only additional legislation that is on point is Article 2(2) of the States of Jersey Law 2005 which provides that all members of the States shall have the right to speak in the Assembly.

The extent of that right in respect of the Attorney General and Solicitor General, that was confirmed by Order in Council in 1824, which directed that the Law Officers had a general right to speak in the Assembly upon any matter which was being considered.