

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2019**

Question

Does any Government department or arms-length organisation possess and maintain a database of Islanders' faces for use in facial recognition systems for either overt or covert operations?

Answer

The Government of Jersey, nor any organisation acting on behalf of the Government of Jersey, have not used overt facial recognition technology on any of their sites and as such maintain no database for this purpose. The Government of Jersey and any organisation acting on behalf of the Government of Jersey, can neither confirm nor deny that any facial recognition technology has been used for covert law enforcement work or if any database is maintained.

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