

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
BY SENATOR J.L. PERCHARD**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2008

Question

“Will the Minister advise whether the Deputy Chief Officer of Police is under investigation by detectives from Devon and Cornwall Police for alleged abuse of authority and if so, when did the investigation begin and when is it expected to be concluded?”

Answer

I believe that the question refers to complaints from persons affected by anti –corruption investigations led by the Deputy Chief Officer. Devon and Cornwall Police began their investigation in November 2007. Two of the persons complaining are former police officers who left the force in consequence of those investigations. I was advised that a request for an investigation by an outside force was a legal requirement in the circumstances and accordingly Devon & Cornwall police were asked to assist. For legal reasons their enquiries are not fully complete but all matters which have been concluded at this time have resulted in findings that the complaints are unsubstantiated and in some cases vexatious. The investigations have been overseen by the Police Complaints Authority.