

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th JUNE 2020**

Question

Given that the Minister stated in his response to Oral Question 140/2020 that “the States of Jersey Police are following local and national guidance on the use of personal protection equipment (P.P.E.)” and one of the main elements of that guidance was “having P.P.E. available when Covid-19 is suspected”, will the Minister –

- (a) state when the police received the local guidance;
- (b) state how this guidance was communicated to officers;
- (c) advise whether this guidance was the same as that published on the gov.je website in respect of P.P.E. for essential workers;
- (d) if the guidance was the same as that published on gov.je, explain whether and how Table 3 of the guidance on the website has been adhered to and, if that is not the case, explain why not; and
- (e) if the guidance provided to the States of Jersey Police was different in any way from that published on the website, provide a copy of the version that was issued and explain why it differs?

Answer

- (a) Police received initial *local* guidance on 2nd April. National Policing and Public Health England guidance (including a clear table) was issued to all officers and staff on 4th April 2020.
- (b) Further updated guidance, incorporating *local* guidance was communicated to officers & staff via personal email titled “Daily Update” which all officers & staff received on 7th April.
- (c) The guidance was not the same as published on the gov.je website in respect of PPE for essential workers. However, the recommendations made by the Medical Officer of Health were incorporated in the bespoke National Policing and Public Health England guidance that was sent to all officers.
- (d) Due to the nature of operational Policing, the SoJP adopted the table and guidance being issued at a National UK level – the Deputy has I understand now been provided with a copy of the latest version of the specific PPE guidance for police officers & staff.
- (e) The guidance (which has evolved through COVID-19 pandemic) differed to that which was published on the website in that cotton masks were recommended when cleaning of police stations, cars and equipment (column 1), when in contact with Police Colleagues and suppliers – social distancing available (column 2) and when contact with the public was likely – but with social distancing measures available (column 4).