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**5 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of the Minister for Home Affairs regarding the appointment of Police Constables in the States of Jersey Police: (OQ.152/2019)**

Will the Minister advise whether identified vacancies in police constable ranks within the States of Jersey Police will be advertised and recruited from within the Island; and if not, why not?

**Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement (The Minister for Home Affairs):**

I can confirm that identified vacancies for police constables will be advertised locally. If prospective candidates meet the required standard, there is no reason to think they will not be appointed.

[10:15]

**3.5.1 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat:**

When he says 'a required standard', how many recruits are they looking to take?

**The Connétable of St. Clement:**

Well, that depends on what time period the Deputy is talking about. In the short term, we would be looking at something between 6 and 8 officers. In the longer term we have made a bid in the Government Plan for increased funding for the States of Jersey Police to enable them to be able to recruit greater numbers, but certainly, in the short term, something like between 6 and 8 officers.