

2.12 Deputy J.A. Martin of the Chairman of the Comité des Connétables regarding the holding of warrant cards by some Connétables:

Given that on 6th October 2009, the chairman advised the Assembly that several of the Constables, to his knowledge, still hold warrant cards, could he state who they are, why they hold them and which of these Constables, if any, served time in the Honorary Police in another capacity?

The Connétable of St. Ouen (Chairman of the Comité des Connétables):

I am unable to answer this question today. The question was emailed to the secretary of the Comité des Connétables and to myself. The secretary of the Connétables is on annual leave and I was out of the Island on States business last week. I do not have the use of a BlackBerry and so this question only came to my attention yesterday and to date I have been unable to contact all my fellow Connétable colleagues so as to get a complete answer for the Deputy. I therefore seek the tolerance of the questioner and the House and give an assurance that I will return to the next sitting with a statement on this question.

Deputy J.A. Martin:

It does prevent people asking supplementaries so I will resubmit the question for oral questions next time; I would rather that than a statement.

The Connétable of St. Ouen:

I believe that if I make a statement the Deputy is then able to ask supplementary questions.

Deputy J.A. Martin:

Sorry, Sir. I did not realise that; I thought it might be a written round-robin thing. No, if it is a proper statement in the House and we can ask 10 minutes questions, that is fine. Thank you very much for the explanation.