WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS BY SENATOR T.A. VALLOIS QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 19th APRIL 2022 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 26th APRIL 2022

Question

"Will the Minister advise what pre-conviction notices or orders the States of Jersey Police currently has available to use in order to prevent crime in Jersey and whether he is aware of how these tools compare to those available to police forces in England and Wales?"

Answer

Unlike police forces in England and Wales, the States of Jersey Police has few preventative measures and civil orders available to them. These measures were introduced in England and Wales from 2010 to enable early police intervention, prior to conviction, to address behaviours before they become entrenched or escalate in severity and to protect victims and children from more serious harm.

The measures include domestic abuse protection notices and orders, sexual risk orders, slavery and trafficking prevention and risk orders, stalking protection orders, as well as female genital mutilation (FGM) protection orders and forced marriage orders. Breach of these orders is generally a criminal offence. There are also civil orders available which include anti-social behaviour orders and community protection notices.

In common with England and Wales the States of Jersey Police have pre-charge bail conditions available as an option. It is not a criminal offence to breach pre-charge bail conditions. From research there is only one preventative type order available to police in Jersey and that is the child protection order under the Sex Offenders (Jersey) Law 2010.