

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 13th JULY 2020**

Question

Will the Minister advise Members –

- (a) how many Harassment Notices or Orders have been issued in each of the last five years by the States of Jersey Police;
- (b) for what activities have such Notices and Orders been issued;
- (c) for what period of time have such Notices and Orders lasted; and
- (d) what checks, balances and reviews of these Notices and Orders are undertaken within the States of Jersey Police to ensure they are reasonable and that they have been enforced?

Answer

- a) The States of Jersey Police have investigated 399 complaints of harassment during the last 5 years. Harassment notices were served in 190 of these cases. A harassment notice effectively puts an individual on notice to desist their conduct/behaviour as continuance may result in prosecution. The issuing of a notice is not mandatory.
- b) ‘A person commits an offence if he or she pursues a course of conduct: -
 - (a) that amounts to harassment of another person; and
 - (b) that he or she knows, or ought to know, amounts to harassment of another person.’
- c) Once served, a harassment notice remains open ended – there is no expiry date.
- d) The SoJP undertake a monthly crime audit & quality assurance process which would include cases of harassment.