

STATES OF JERSEY



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PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (a) –

In paragraph (a) after the word “assault” insert the words “, murder, manslaughter, rape or robbery”.

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REPORT

This has been added as a direct result of an amendment – sadly withdrawn at the last minute – from the Minister for Home Affairs. As I have made quite clear within the original proposition, I have approached this deliberately from the position of commonsense and the experience gained from years as a professional educator working with young people. I have, of course, made no claims to be a legal expert and chose to focus on the issue of serious assaults alone because this was the problem worrying a great many Islanders due to an escalation of such attacks in recent times; further still, being an issue wholly side-stepped by the authorities who should have been seeking answers to the problem.

Nevertheless, having encouraged interested politicians to consider their own amendments, I very much welcomed the Minister for Home Affairs' proposed amendment as it further brought a commonsense *legal* eye to the issue. Indeed, it obviously makes complete sense that if we should progress to naming a young person for carrying out a vicious serious assault, than it is only logical that the young person should also face the prospect of being named if they had instead committed a murder, rape or serious robbery, etc. Thus I have added these to the equation.

Financial and manpower implications

I believe that there are no financial or manpower implications specifically arising from this amendment. This merely inserts additional categories of convictions to be taken into account when preparing the draft legislation.