

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 17th JANUARY 2017**

Question

Further to the statement released by the Assistant Minister on 21st December 2016, will the Minister provide a full list of the conditions that have been placed on Mr. Bronx and his owners in connection with his release?

Answer

The forfeited property of the pit bull terrier known as “Mr. Bronx” (“the Dog”) was restored to his former owner (Mr. Gomes) subject to conditions under Schedule 3 to the Customs and Excise (Jersey) Law 1999. These conditions balance the interests of Mr. Gomes and his family in having the Dog restored to them and the wider public interest.

Before the Dog was returned to Mr. Gomes a legal agreement was reached between the Assistant Minister and Mr. Gomes which sets out certain conditions designed to ensure that the Dog is kept properly under control by its owners. These include neutering (which has now been performed), muzzling at all times when in public, the stipulation that no one under the age of 16 is to be left unsupervised with the dog, and the fact that it must, again at all times in public, be kept on a lead no longer than two metres.

The Assistant Minister has written to Mr Gomes regarding publication of the full details contained within the agreement and an update will be provided to the Assembly in due course.