

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 14th DECEMBER 2015**

Question

Following the criticism of the States of Jersey Police by the Master of the Royal Court in *Boschat v. Chief of States of Jersey Police (JRC 220A (2015))* regarding the failure to supply timely information when requested, and further to the answer given to written question 1240/5(9068) on 17th November 2015 which showed that the States of Jersey Police, uniquely of all States departments, were failing to meet the 40 day response time to subject access requests, will the Minister -

- (a) explain what steps she will be taking to ensure that the Police will, in future, respond to all subject access requests within the 40 day period prescribed in the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2005;
- (b) publish in an anonymised format the nature of all outstanding subject access requests over 40 days in each of the years listed in the previous written question, explaining the reasons why the information has not been supplied to date; and,
- (c) advise all States members within 40 days of this question how many of these outstanding information requests have, and have not, been cleared and, for those that have not been cleared, the reason(s) why?

Answer

- a) The States of Jersey Police appointed a dedicated Data Protection officer in June 2014. Previously the role was combined within the Information Security manager's role. As a result, all outstanding subject access requests have been answered and none are still outstanding. Since June 2014, all subject access requests have been answered within the 40 day limit except for one which was extended with the permission of the requestor due to the extremely large amount of data requested (Over 10 years of 'redacted' e-mail traffic requested by a retired police officer). This request was completed within 108 days although information was released in batches over that period, to the satisfaction of the requestor.
- b) There are no outstanding subject access requests over 40 days.
- c) As b.