

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO H.M. ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2009**

**Question**

Will the Attorney General inform members on how many occasions during his term of office the Crown has sought, and obtained, fines of the order of £10,000 for offences and what these offences were, and will he further state how many of these offences were subject to level 3 fines and what the offences were?

**Answer**

No. In my view, although Standing Orders are currently such that this question has to be approved, the question is an abuse of the process of this Assembly. I do not think it is even close to being appropriate that a member should put to the person in charge of the prosecution service a parliamentary question when that question is closely related to offences of which that member has been recently convicted in the courts. No other member of the public has the right to question the Attorney General in this way about the circumstances around his own case.

I find it surprising that the Deputy should think it right that he should put these questions to me for he has an obviously direct personal interest in them.