

**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE COMMITTEE FOR HOME AFFAIRS
TO QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY CURGENVEN**

QUESTION 1 - 14

On 12 March 2026, a constituent lodged a freedom of information request, relating to Les Nicolles Prison, with the Committee for Home Affairs. To date, this has garnered no response and no updates explaining the delay. The questions within the request are reproduced below, in addition to two questions covering the Committee's handling of requests.

In respect of Les Nicolles Prison, broken down annually, for the past five years:

1. How many complaints have been made regarding the conduct of one or more prison officers (not other members of staff, for example, probation officers) by inmates?
2. How many of these complaints (see question 1) were: (a) dismissed, and (b) upheld?
3. How many complaints have been made regarding the conduct of one or more prison officers from persons who are not inmates?
4. How many of these complaints (see question 3) were: (a) dismissed, and (b) upheld?
5. How many prison officers were suspended in consequence of a complaint made?
6. How many staff (all types) quit?
7. How many staff (all types) left for other reasons?
8. How many complaints did the prison governor receive?
9. How many of these complaints (see question 8) were: (a) dismissed, and (b) upheld?
10. Please show staff turnover expressed as a ratio.

Can the President confirm (or deny) each of the following (questions 11 – 13):

11. Last year, not less than 13 complaints (in whatever form, including grievances) were made regarding the conduct of three probation staff by fellow staff members?
12. Every complaint described in question 11 was dismissed?
13. Six members of staff quit following the dismissal of these complaints?
14. Is any information held that confirms that a convicted paedophile subject to a term of imprisonment was left unaccompanied - that is to say, with no security presence - on a ward, and was mobile, and had access to children?

ANSWERS 1 - 14

A response to questions 1-14 have been published in response to a Freedom of Information request and can be found published [here](#) .

With regards to question 14 following concerns raised publicly a statement was issued on behalf of the Committee to the media and States Members on 11th February 2026. This noted the arrangements in place were to be independently reviewed, this matter is ongoing.

QUESTION 15

Why has the Committee taken 76 days (and counting) to consider the original freedom on information request (dated 12 March 2026): and why has the requester not been provided with any updates (save for when the requester emailed for an update)?

ANSWER

The Committee makes every effort to comply with the guideline response times for Freedom of Information requests, however, the volume and complexity of some requests mean that it is not always possible.

QUESTION 16

What is the Committee's average response time, broken down annually, for the past five years, in respect of freedom of information requests?

ANSWER

Year	Number of Requests	Average Response Time
2022	8	17.5
2023	15	33.2
2024	24	107
2025	41	91.2
2026 @ 01.06.2025	13	17.9