

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

QUESTIONS

1. We often hear it said within the States, that Deputies shouldn't get involved in the 'operational matters' of States departments, i.e. procedures and processes. So with that in mind, are you able to tell me your committees' approach to that issue please?
2. Do members of your committee get involved in the 'operational matters' of your department?
3. Do you/would you, and your committee object, whenever/if ever, Deputies do/did try to get involved in the 'operational matters' of your committee?

QUESTION 1 ANSWER

The Committee *for* Home Affairs ("the Committee") has a mandated responsibility to advise the States and to develop and implement policies on matters relating to its purpose as listed under its mandate.

The Committee has oversight of and is accountable to the States for the operational services which sit under its mandate but does not involve itself in operational matters, which are the responsibility of the relevant independent operational Service Leads/statutory officials to deliver.

The Committee sets strategy and policy direction and monitors outcomes (KPIs) for the operational services for which it has oversight.

In 2019, following a recommendation from the report of His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS), a protocol concerning the relationship between the Committee and the Head of Law Enforcement (HLE) was signed by the former Committee to provide greater clarity between the respective roles, responsibilities and authorities of the HLE and the Committee.

QUESTIONS 2 AND 3 ANSWER

Nevertheless, there are occasions when the Committee might necessarily engage with officers to seek clarification around how operational responsibilities have been discharged such as, in instances where the Committee is obliged to respond over operational matters relating to the Services for which it has political oversight, although the Committee does not as a policy comment on individual cases.

The Committee appreciates that given their role as elected members of the community, individual deputies, whether serving members of the Committee or otherwise, may wish to

raise operational matters directly with the Committee on behalf of their constituents. In such cases, the Committee's policy is to direct deputies and individuals to raise such matters with the relevant operational Service Lead as appropriate.