

Access to Public Information Response

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REQUEST UNDER THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION

Request sent on August 21st 2015:

I am writing to request answers to the following questions, to which I am entitled under the Code of Practice on Access to Public Information.

In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible. If, however, this request is too wide or too unclear then I would be grateful if you could contact me, as I understand that it is advised you assist requesters where possible.

I am seeking the following in electronic form:

- 1) **What preparations**, plans or precautions **are in place to deal with OR prevent an alien attack** and/or invasion **on the Bailiwick** of Guernsey?
- 2) **What preparations**, plans or precautions **are in place to deal with** (not prevent) what might reasonably be thought of as **a terror plot** and/or attack **on the Bailiwick** of Guernsey?
- 3) How can the Guernsey public co-operate with the States in the event of an alien and/or terrorist attack to protect the Bailiwick and prevent further such incidents?

If the answers to questions (1) and/or (2) are withheld or unavailable due to Security, Welfare or Vexatious reasons; I would appreciate brief written confirmation that the States have had appropriate discussions and/or have in place adequate measures to prevent potential loss of life resulting from the above such circumstances.

Response from the States of Guernsey on September 1st 2015:

Thank you for your enquiry regarding Guernsey's preparedness for both a terror plot and an alien attack.

The States of Guernsey retains a Bailiwick Risk Register which sets out the highest risks for the island which continue to be influenza pandemic, coastal flooding and marine pollution. The highest risks have specific plans in place but there are also a number of generic emergency plans which could be utilized for various types of incidents. The emergency services and supporting responding agencies regularly train and exercise to ensure that these plans are fit for purpose and the island is prepared. Other risks also feature in the register including terrorism, although you will see from the diagram on page 6 that this is not given a high likelihood rating, albeit that the impact could be high. Whilst it would clearly be counterproductive to operational security to delve into tactics, the Bailiwick response to the threat of terrorism and immigration threats is led by the Law Enforcement Agencies with Special Branch leading on matters relating to Counter Terrorism and the Border Agency leading on Immigration. Both departments work closely with

national and international colleagues and constantly review the threat levels from all forms of criminality.

The Bailiwick Risk Register is updated on a regular basis and circulated to responders to ensure they are aware of the risks and suitably prepared. We are in the process of combining the emergency planning risk register with the corporate risk register. In the interim, please find attached a copy of the Bailiwick Risk Register (public version – 2013).

General information about public preparedness for an island emergency/major incident can be found at <http://www.gov.gg/emergencyplanning> including a public information leaflet – Are you prepared which was circulated to all households a few years ago.