

**Response to a Question Pursuant to Rule 14
of The Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees**

Subject: Statutory Pardon
States' Member: Deputy G St Pier
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Question

In a response dated 9th March 2021 to a Rule 14 question in relation to the conviction in 1942 of a number of police officers, the Committee advised that:

“The Policy & Resources Committee has great sympathy with all those individuals who faced injustice during the Occupation years and their families. I can confirm that the Committee is looking at this issue to explore all options with the aim of reporting to the States this year...”

A Policy Letter will be prepared and brought before the States of Deliberation this year.”

Having been unable to prepare and bring the said Policy Letter before the States of Deliberation in 2021 as previously indicated, could the Committee please advise when it will do so?

Response

In addition to the response in March 2021, the Committee also responded to a further Rule 14 Question from Deputy St Pier on this matter in November 2021 (question dated 22nd November 2021 and response dated 30th November 2021) and a question by Deputy St Pier during the States Meeting in March this year.

As set out in November, the Committee still aims to bring a Policy Letter to the States of Deliberation recognising the issues and complexities associated with certain criminal convictions during the Occupation. Work is ongoing but no final draft is yet available.

The aim is for the relevant Policy Letter to be brought to the States for consideration later this year. However, that is only if this work can be progressed alongside the Government Work Plan priorities and workstreams and the work undertaken on the States' response to the war in Ukraine. That work will have to take priority over the 1942 convictions matter.

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