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## Request

The information sought from each Parish is:

Under the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011, I would like to request the following:

1. A list of all individuals elected as Connétable in each Parish between 1995 and 2025.
2. For each person listed, please confirm whether they had previously served in the Honorary Police before being elected.
3. How many Connétable elections (in total or by Parish) between 1995 and 2025 were uncontested — i.e. where the elected Connétable stood without an opposing candidate?
4. How many individuals have been elected unopposed as Connétable and had never served in the Honorary Police?
5. How many contested elections with at least two candidates has there been in St Ouens since records began?

## Response

1. The list of all elected Connétables for each Parish is available and on display to the public within each Parish Hall. The information is accessible by other means and the FOI Article 23 exemption applies. The current Connétable of St Clement's name Marcus Troy is due to be added to the board on display this month.
2. The Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 does not require a Scheduled Public Authority to manipulate or create data in order to provide a response. Information on whether or not persons elected as Connétable had previously served in the Honorary Police will be recorded in –
  - a) Parish Assembly minutes for election as Vingtenier and Constable's Officer, and
  - b) Nomination meeting minutes for election as Centenier.

These records are published on the Parishes websites and, for records predating online publication, will be held at the Jersey Archive or at the Parish Hall.

The information is accessible by other means and the FOI Article 23 exemption applies.

3. The results of Connétables elections show those which were uncontested. This information is accessible by other means and the FOI Article 23 exemption applies.
  - For elections since 2011, results are available on [vote.je](https://vote.je) ([Previous Elections | Vote.je](#)) and show those elections which were uncontested. Please note in 2022, there was a ballot for all elections with electors selecting from the candidates nominated (if more candidates than vacancies) or from the candidate and 'None of the Above' (NOTA) if there were not more candidates than vacancies.
  - For elections prior to 2011, information on contested elections can be found in the 'polling day notice' published in the Jersey Gazette (prior to July 2018, the Jersey Gazette was published in the Jersey Evening Post and copies are available at the Jersey Library) and other elections

would have been uncontested. A single election day for Connétables was introduced in 2008 (with transitional provisions), the background is in [P.184/2007](#).

4. The Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 does not require a Scheduled Public Authority to manipulate or create data in order to provide a response. The number of individuals elected unopposed as Connétable who had never served in the Honorary Police can be ascertained from the responses to questions 2 and 3.
5. The information can be ascertained as per the answer to question 3. The FOI Article 23 exemption applies.

#### **FOI Articles applied:**

##### **Article 10 - Obligation of scheduled public authority to confirm or deny holding Information**

- (1) Subject to paragraph (2), if –
  - (a) a person makes a request for information to a scheduled public authority; and
  - (b) the authority does not hold the information,  
it must inform the applicant accordingly.
- (2) If a person makes a request for information to a scheduled public authority and –
  - (a) the information is absolutely exempt information or qualified exempt information; or
  - (b) if the authority does not hold the information, the information would be absolutely exempt information or qualified exempt information if it had held it,the authority may refuse to inform the applicant whether or not it holds the information if it is satisfied that, in all the circumstances of the case, it is in the public interest to do so.
- (3) If a scheduled public authority so refuses –
  - (a) it shall be taken for the purpose of this Law to have refused to supply the information requested on the ground that it is absolutely exempt information; and
  - (b) it need not inform the applicant of the specific ground upon which it is refusing the request or, if the authority does not hold the information, the specific ground upon which it would have refused the request had it held the information.

##### **Article 23 - Information accessible to applicant by other means**

Information is absolutely exempt information if it is reasonably available to the applicant, otherwise than under this Law, whether or not free of charge. A scheduled public authority that refuses an application for information on this ground must make reasonable efforts to inform the applicant where the applicant may obtain the information.

