

FOI DECISION NOTICE

**Scheduled Public Authority:
States of Jersey Police**

Date: 17 August 2026

Appeals are handled by
the Information
Commissioner under
Art.46 of the Freedom
of Information (Jersey)
Law 2011

THE REQUEST



- The Complainant asked the States of Jersey Police (SOJP) (the SPA) for:
- Copies of any documents setting out the legal basis for the establishment of the Economic Crime and Confiscation Unit (ECCU), and
- For vesting it with authority to carry out criminal investigations that would otherwise fall within the responsibility of the States of Jersey Police (SOJP).

THE SPA'S RESPONSE



- The SPA identified information it considered relevant to the request but withheld parts of it under the following articles within the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (FOI Law):
 - Article 31 (Advice by the Bailiff, Deputy Bailiff or a Law Officer); and
 - Article 42(a) (Prevention, detection or investigation of crime).
- An internal review upheld that decision.

THE DECISION



The Commissioner's decision is that the appeal is:

PARTIALLY UPHELD

- The Commissioner found that the SPA's initial searches were not reasonable and proportionate, as they did not use appropriate search parameters and failed to identify all potentially relevant information. Further searches conducted during the appeal located additional material.
- However, the Commissioner concluded that the Article 31 exemption had been correctly applied and that no further information fell to be disclosed. The information withheld under Article 42(a) was found to be outside the scope of the request.
- Accordingly, the appeal was partially upheld in relation to the adequacy of the original searches only. No further action was required by the SPA.