

2.1 Deputy F.J. Hill of St. Martin of the Chief Minister regarding investigation of the previous management of Haut de la Garenne:

Now that the States Police have advised that there are unlikely to be further prosecutions emanating from the historic child abuse investigations at Haut de la Garenne, will the Chief Minister inform Members what actions, if any, have been arranged to investigate the management of Haut de la Garenne during the periods when recent convictions have shown that children were being abused?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur (The Chief Minister):

I am due later in this session to make a statement in respect of the historical child abuse inquiry. I wonder if it might be simpler for me to make that statement now because questions 1 and 3 will effectively refer to that statement and if we do not answer their questions now I will answer them at that time and it may be more beneficial to the States Assembly to deal with the statement. I leave it to you, Sir.

The Bailiff:

First of all, just before we go on to that, the filming is meant to have stopped now. Well it is a matter for Members. We have hardly started question time so we could start again if Members would prefer to take the Chief Minister's statement at this stage. It is a matter entirely for Members.

Senator A. Breckon:

I do not appear to have it on my desk, I have the other 2 statements but I do not appear to have that, I do not know if other Members have got it.

Senator T.A. Le Sueur:

It can be circulated, as far as I am concerned it is the Greffier's hands.

Deputy P.J. Rondel of St. John:

Given that the Chief Minister appears to want to hijack the questions, the idea was to come in half a day earlier to deal with questions. I believe his statement should come at the end of questions once everything is done.

The Bailiff:

Well it is a matter entirely for Members. Does anyone wish to propose that we take the Chief Minister's statement now, or not?

Senator P.F. Routier:

Yes, I am prepared to propose that because I believe it will help with informing the questions.