

2.15 The Deputy of St. Martin of the Chief Minister regarding investigations into allegations of corruption at the Planning Department:

Will the Chief Minister inform Members whether the investigations announced some months ago into allegations of corruption at the Planning Department have been completed, and if so what are the States of Jersey Police findings?

Senator P.F. Routier (Assistant Chief Minister - rapporteur):

I am aware that the police investigation is still ongoing, so as such I am unable to comment any further.

2.15.1 The Deputy of St. Martin:

The Chief Minister's Department will have had notice of this question last Wednesday. Can I ask whether anyone from the department made inquiries of the police so we could have an answer for this day?

Senator P.F. Routier:

Yes, I can.

2.15.2 The Deputy of St. Martin:

Are Members are allowed in any way to be given some indication of how many allegations have been made, or whether indeed Members will be able to see some documentation about what allegations have been made against members of the department?

Senator P.F. Routier:

I have advised Members that the investigation is still ongoing. I personally have no detail of the allegations, but one thing I do know is that people who have been accused of any misdoings or whatever it is called, that for their benefit it would be far better that these things were resolved as soon as they possibly could be, because I know that the people who have been accused are suffering currently. As soon as this can be resolved I hope it can be.

The Bailiff:

Very well. I think that brings matters to an end. This is a police investigation. There is a limit to what it is proper for this Assembly to delve into those matters. Very well.