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14 The Connétable of St. Lawrence of the Minister for Home Affairs regarding the service review of the Fire and Rescue and Ambulance Services: (OQ.139/2019)

Will the Minister provide an update on the service review being undertaken of both the Fire and Rescue and Ambulance services and does he intend to return to the Assembly with a detailed and informed proposal to merge them?

The Connétable of St. Clement (The Minister for Home Affairs):

Yes, I expect the service review to be completed before the end of this month. Obviously, I cannot comment on whether I will return to the Assembly with new proposals until those reviews have been completed.

4.14.1 The Connétable of St. Lawrence:

We know that there was a great deal of apprehension among staff following the proposals to merge these services and indeed both services wrote to the Minister with detailed concerns. Given that continued uncertainty is not helpful, or fair, on our services, will the Minister confirm that, following the review, he will undertake consultation with the staff of both services?

The Connétable of St. Clement:

I can promise better than that; I am consulting with the staff now. I have already had meetings with the staff associations of both the Fire and Ambulance Services and have further meetings in the diary over the next month, or 2.

4.14.2 The Connétable of St. Lawrence:

I would like to ask the Minister whether he will return to the Assembly with the review? Will he provide the review to the Assembly?

The Connétable of St. Clement:

If the service review requires changes then, obviously, I will come back to the Assembly. If changes are not required then I will not be coming back to the Assembly.