

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2003,
BY DEPUTY R.G. LE HERISSIER OF ST. SAVIOUR**

Question

Would the President confirm that a report on the rôle of the Training and Employment Partnership was undertaken in 2001 by Professor Hillier, and, if so, would the President outline the major recommendations of the report and the action taken in respect of these?

Answer

The Training and Employment Partnership Board commissioned Dr. Jim Haillage of the Institute for Employment Studies (IES) in April 2001 to review the Training and Employment Partnership (TEP). A report on the review was presented and accepted by both the TEP Board and the Employment and Social Security Committee in 2001, before being circulated to all key stakeholders and published on the Employment and Social Security website.

The review made 16 major recommendations, of which 12 have been successfully implemented to the benefit of the workforce, measured by the increasing numbers of organisations and individuals receiving support. For example, the numbers of individuals supported in 2003 now exceeds 3,000 compared with 850 in 2001, and the numbers of local businesses receiving support has risen from 60 to 350 over the same period.

The four recommendations not implemented are -

1. To merge the TEP with the Jersey Business Venture (JBV). Following discussions with both the JBV and other key stakeholders, the organisations have not merged. However, the JBV and TEP are now operating in a far more effective partnership.
2. To change the name of the Training and Employment Partnership. The view of the executive, partners, key stakeholders, and the many thousands of individuals receiving support was that changing the TEP name would create unnecessary confusion.
3. To work with providers to improve the quality of provision and promote the adoption of high standards in vocational learning has not been successfully implemented, although, improvements have been made where quality assurance measures are conditional to receiving TEP funding.
4. That the TEP be overseen by a board was not accepted. The views of the previous board members that they had become ineffective was taken into consideration, and, following the transfer to the Economic Development Department and further consultation with the TEP Board members, the States agreed a proposition to disband the TEP Board in May 2003.

Copies of the report are available from the Training and Employment Partnership, and the Director would be happy to answer any specific questions on the report or actions taken so far.