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**QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, 11th MAY 2004 BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN**

Question 1

Would the President explain to members whether the Committee has formulated a policy on the disposal of excess potato waste arising during this year's season, as in 2003 some was disposed of at Crabbé and some was dumped on fields. If so, could he provide details for members?

Answer

The Committee's policy on the disposal of potato waste is that farmers should deal with their own waste in a manner consistent with good environmental practice, as they did in 2003.

Question 2

Would the President inform the Assembly whether the Committee has in place a policy to protect smaller farm units in the light of the emergence of one single very large business within the agriculture industry which has led to concern that a monopoly situation is being created? If so, could he provide details for members?

Answer

The Committee does not have a policy in place to protect smaller farm units. At this time the Committee is adhering to the policies of the former Agriculture and Fisheries Committee, as detailed in the Policy Report of 2001, that was approved by the States in July 2002. A strategic review of the agriculture and fisheries industries is to be carried out during the coming months and should be complete by September.