

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMICS COMMITTEE
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2004

Question

Would the President undertake to liaise with H.M. Attorney General regarding the use of the accumulated funds amounting to £10.7 million retained in the Criminal Offences Confiscation Fund (C.O.C.F.) in view of the number of competing areas of demand for financial resources which provide support in dealing with the consequences of criminal conduct, such as the operation of H.M. Prison, La Moye, and its facilities, and, if not, state the reasons why.

Answer

Yes, I will undertake to liaise with H.M. Attorney General regarding the use of the accumulated funds in the Criminal Offences Confiscation Fund. In doing so, I will be mindful of the irregular and uncertain income into the Fund, the need to ensure that the first call on the Fund is the cost of meeting the Island's international commitments in relation to mutual legal assistance as required by bodies such as the International Monetary Fund and the Financial Action Task Force, and the sustainability of using one off seizures to fund significant recurring expenditure, such as the operation of H.M. Prison, La Moye.