

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 26th OCTOBER 2004

Question

Would the President inform members whether the Policy and Resources Committee intends to bring to the States a new Emergencies Council structure given the onset of ministerial government, and, if so, will this be in the next three months?

Answer

Yes, I can advise the Deputy of St. John that the Policy and Resources Committee does intend to bring proposals to the States for changes to the current arrangements for dealing with emergencies. These proposals will take account of the onset of ministerial government, and will involve changes to the Emergency Powers and Planning Law.

Discussions on some of the more detailed aspects of the Committee's proposals are currently taking place, or will shortly take place, with the Lieutenant Governor, the Bailiff, and members of the Emergencies Council, and it is intended that the States should be asked to consider this matter during the first half of 2005. Subject to States approval, this will enable the proposed changes to the Emergency Powers and Planning Law to be brought into effect by December 2005, in time for the introduction of the ministerial system.