

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR
TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY 2007

Question

Following the publication of the report of the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change would the Minister inform members whether the terms of reference of the recently commissioned report into Jersey's sea defence strategy remain appropriate? Would the Minister set out for members those terms of reference and state when he expects to receive the report's findings and whether he will make them publicly available?

Answer

In November 2006 HR Wallingford were commissioned to provide proposals for a Scoping Study into the effects of climate change on coastal flooding and erosion around Jersey. The purpose of this document is to produce an initial high level review of the likely effects of climate change on coastal defences and management around Jersey followed by a brief report setting out a suggested approach to more detailed consideration of how to respond to threats to the coastline, covering overall policy and planning for the Island, and the more specific assessment of individual sections of its coastline.

HR Wallingford's report has been delayed in order that it can include any new information coming out of the work carried out by the Inter-Government Panel on Climate Change. The report is expected by no later than 3rd of March 2007 and when signed off by the department will become a public document.