

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 5th JUNE 2007**

**Question**

In replying to an oral question on 13th March 2007 concerning the publication of a response to the publication of the Scrutiny Report on Overdale, the Minister stated –

‘I hope to have it completed and with the Greffe later this week.’

Would the Minister explain why this did not happen?

**Answer**

As the Deputy is aware, Senator Stuart Syvret, Minister for Health and Social Services, is currently indisposed following a short period of hospitalisation. Prior to his indisposition, the Minister spent a considerable amount of time preparing his response – and that response by definition cannot now at this late stage be delegated to either the Assistant Minister or a Minister of the Chief Minister’s choosing.

In the response to the oral question put by the Deputy on 13th March 2007, the Minister stated ‘I hope to have it completed and with the Greffe later this week’. I trust the Deputy will appreciate that this statement represented an honestly held intention, rather than a binding commitment.

The Minister has asked that I reassure the States Assembly that this response will be completed at the earliest most practicable time.