

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY
R.G. LE HÉRISSIER OF ST. SAVIOUR**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2008

Question

What impact, if any, is the continuing suspension of the Director of Family Nursing and Home Care having upon the services provided to Health and Social Services Department and is the Minister satisfied with the handling of this matter, insofar as it impacts upon the Department?

Answer

Following the suspension of a senior member of staff at the Family Nursing and Home Care Service, I met with the Chairman of that organisation and at that meeting I received assurances that all would be done to ensure that there was no discontinuity of service as a result of that action.

On Monday 24th November, I met with the Chairman of FNHC again, who was able to assure me that there had been no discontinuity of service. This assurance resonated with the advice I have received from officers within my Department – officers who have responsibilities for delivering such services, working in partnership with FNHC and managing the contractual arrangements between our two organisations.

The Family Nursing and Home Care Service is a properly constituted charitable body in its own right and it is not for me to intrude into its internal management arrangements. I have had an assurance – again from the Chairman of that organisation – that appropriate procedures are being observed and I have no reason to doubt his word.

I do not intend to make any further public comment on this matter.