

4.7 Deputy F.J. Hill of St. Martin of the Chief Minister regarding the attraction of a Chairman and Panel members to review the role of the Bailiff and the Law Officers:

Will the Chief Minister inform Members on the methodology he intends to attract a potential Chairman and Panel members to review the role of the Bailiff and the Law Officers, as approved by the States on 4th February 2009?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur (The Chief Minister):

The methodology takes the form of a 3-stage process and firstly the Council of Ministers has to establish the funding available. The Council has already made it clear that it would be premature to submit to the States for approval the terms of reference and the name of the Chairman and the members of the Panel until suitable funding has been identified. Then, secondly, we will confirm the terms of reference, which will determine the particular task of the Panel and discuss them with the Privileges and Procedures Committee prior to bringing them to the States for approval. Then, when those terms of reference have been agreed with the P.P.C. (Privileges and Procedures Committee), we can prepare the individual role specifications, invite interested parties and select the most appropriate individuals. We anticipate that that process will be overseen by the Appointments Commission.

4.7.1 The Deputy of St. Martin:

Yes, it is as I feared, I do not think we are going to get everything back by 31st March. Could I seek that assurance from the Minister that the Panel and terms of reference will be back as per the States approval and we will know who the Chairman and the Panel are and the terms of reference by 31st March?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur:

I thought I made it clear in my earlier answer that, first of all, we have to identify and agree, as a House, the terms of reference. Prior to agreeing those terms of reference, it would be premature to identify the Chairman or the Panel members, but I am confident that the timescale for delivering the terms of reference and the funding can be achieved by 31st March.

The Deputy of St. Martin:

Can I thank the Chief Minister and I will be watching this space.

The Deputy Bailiff:

Now, Deputy Tadier is malade so question 8 will fall away. Question 9, which Deputy Green will ask of the Minister for Economic Development.