

2.5 Deputy F.J. Hill of St. Martin of the Chief Minister regarding the appointment of a body to investigate the suspension of a consultant gynaecologist:

Given that in comments on P.131/2009 regarding the appointment of a body to investigate the suspension of a consultant gynaecologist, the Chief Minister stated that he had asked for an independent review to be carried out by an external competent person with relevant experience with health management. Will he inform Members who is undertaking the investigation, how much will it cost and when will the investigation be completed?

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

The panel has now been appointed. It will be chaired by Mr. Christopher Hannah of Goodwin Hannah Consultants, who is a former chief executive of a strategic health authority in the U.K. (United Kingdom) and a highly experienced N.H.S. (National Health Service) manager. He will be supported in this work by Julia Hollywood, an H.R. (human resources) specialist of many years experience in the N.H.S. Both these people were sourced through N.H.S. flexible resourcing. The investigation is expected to be concluded within a month. Exact costs will be dependent on the number of days needed to conduct a review and it is expected to be in the region of £40,000.

2.5.1. The Deputy of St. Martin:

I am grateful for the Chief Minister's answer and I am just wondering why this was not made known to Members earlier. Maybe if the Minister can advise Members why.

Senator T.A. Le Sueur:

The appointments were only made last week and I took it that this question was a good chance to advise Members of the information.

2.5.2 Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire:

Would the Chief Minister please circulate to States Members the C.V.s (curriculum vitae) of these individuals so we could get an understanding of their backgrounds in greater detail please?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur:

I can certainly do so, although it is not an appointment to be made by the States, it was appointments to be made by myself, which I have made. But certainly to reassure the Deputy and others, I can give details of the background of both the individuals concerned.

2.5.3 Deputy A.E. Jeune of St. Brelade:

Could the Chief Minister advise us the commencement date of this investigation please?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur:

Imminently, probably next week.

2.5.4 The Deputy of St. Martin:

I did not quite catch where this company came from. Could I have an assurance from the Chief Minister that they are from outside the Island?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur:

Yes, they are. They come from a company in the U.K. I do not have the exact address with me but certainly they are not an Island company. They are people with experience in the National Health Service in the U.K.

The Deputy of St. Martin:

Could I just add on to the piece from Deputy Le Claire that these details are circulated to Members today if possible?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur:

I will do my best.