

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE BY
DEPUTY S. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2009**

Question

Would the Minister inform States Members what qualifications and experience his Assistant Ministers possess, which led to his decision to choose them for this role?

Answer

Part of the selection process included interviewing all members who had declared an interest for the position of assistant minister. The final decision was difficult due to the high calibre and ability of all applicants.

Deputy Green and Deputy Dupré possess very good people skills and a wealth of experience in dealing with and understanding the needs of all members of our society. This is essential as their primary role is to liaise with the many individuals and organisations the department represents.

Their different backgrounds and knowledge compliment one another and, although their views may differ, they are more than capable of sharing the duties a Minister is required to carry out.

In particular, Deputy Anne Dupré has knowledge of the Arts whilst Deputy Andrew Green has much experience a wide variety of work involving young people including those with special needs.

The key to a successful Ministerial Team is the ability to work together and as such both Deputies meet this criterion.