

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY T.M. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2010**

Question

Given that the Napier Report, that the Chief Minister hoped could be completed in six weeks, is now many months overdue and mindful that the Wiltshire Report was also more than a year overdue, cost the taxpayer a seven figure sum, yet did not result in any disciplinary proceedings, will the Chief Minister now clarify the following –

- (a) when will the Napier Report be published and be made available to Members?
- (b) upon publication will the Chief Minister ensure that States Members receive a copy in advance of the media?
- (c) will the Napier Report be published in full and not in a ‘redacted’ form?
- (d) how many draft versions of the Napier Report have been written in arriving at the final version?
- (e) has the final version been altered in any way as a result of input from those individuals receiving so-called ‘Scott letters’?
- (f) has the Deputy of St. Martin been kept fully informed, involved and made aware of all material and developments at all stages of Mr. Napier's investigation, as was agreed when the process was set in place; and if not, why not

Answer

- a) Mr Napier advised me last week that the final report would be with me today, but so far I have not yet seen it. Until such time as I have received and considered it I cannot give a definite date for its publication.
- b) When the report is ready for publication, I will ensure Members receive a copy before the media.
- c) I hope to be in a position to publish the full report but until I am able to complete a thorough review of the final report I cannot give that assurance as it is only fair and reasonable that anyone named in the report having given evidence, but not directly involved in the suspension process, is given appropriate protection from any adverse publicity.
- d) I do not know how many draft versions have been produced as I have not received any draft copies of the report but I understand that a draft was produced and sent to all of those people who were involved in the suspension process where Mr Napier had comment to make on their participation.
- e) I do not know if Mr Napier has made any alterations as a result of the feedback he has received from those to whom he circulated a draft copy.
- f) The Deputy of St Martin and I have been in correspondence at various stages of the review and he has been kept aware of progress and developments.