

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY SENATOR J.L. PERCHARD
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 22nd JUNE 2010**

Question

“In keeping with the promise made in a official statement to the States by the Chief Minister on 30th January 2007, will the Chief Minister give an instruction to his Ministers and officers of the States of Jersey that on formal occasions the song ‘Island Home’ is not to be introduced as the Jersey Anthem until such time that the States have formally approved it as such?”

Answer

Whilst it has not yet been adopted as the “official” Jersey Anthem, the competition winner, ‘Island Home’, has been used on a number of formal occasions both within and outside the Island, and its use has been supported by the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture. Copies of recordings of ‘Island Home’ are now also available on the States website, and awareness of the anthem is growing.

In line with the undertaking given by my predecessor, I intend to bring a proposition to the States to seek the formal adoption of ‘Island Home’ as Jersey’s anthem, once I am satisfied that there is justification in bringing such a proposition. In the meantime, ‘Island Home’ will continue to be played at formal and informal occasions, along with other Island songs, when appropriate. There is no intention to diminish the value placed on other popular songs, such as ‘Ma Normandie’ and ‘Beautiful Jersey’, which form part of our unique local culture.