

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 29th MARCH 2011**

Question

Will the Chief Minister advise members if there is a policy concerning the liability of States departments towards citizens of the Island, when services delivered by them cause damage or personal harm in some way, and there is actionable negligence involved?

Answer

States Departments have a duty of care to citizens accessing the services the States provides as well as to the employees that provide them.

The States of Jersey therefore has a public liability insurance policy which covers its legal liability that includes actionable negligence, for bodily injury or damage to third party property arising out of its business, whether arising out of its general operations, the supply of products or the provision of services.