

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2011**

Question

“As the former States Treasurer left his post some considerable time ago, can the Minister advise whether cheques are still being issued by the Treasury still signed by the former Treasurer and, if so, why?”

Does the Minister accept that this could cause concern to creditors and others and send out a message that Jersey as a finance centre is not up to speed in the international field?”

Answer

The Treasury issues cheques to suppliers using a controlled automated process, including the automated printing of signatures on cheques. As soon as the new Treasurer was appointed, work started to program a new signature into the automated system.

This programming will be completed and new cheques will be in issue in February. In the meantime, to minimise cost and disruption, the previous Treasurer’s signature has remained in place as part of the automated process.

This is simply part of the administrative arrangements being implemented to reflect the recent appointment of a new Treasurer of the States and there is no reason for it to cause concern to creditors.