

2.4 Senator A. Breckon of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding the report requested during the Housing Development Fund debate on 6th July 2010:

Can the Assistant Minister advise the Assembly when he will provide the report as he was requested to do during the Housing Development Fund debate - P.61 of 2010 - on 6th July 2010?

The Connétable of St. Peter (Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources - rapporteur):

Clearly, time has moved on since the Senator brought forward his question. We are aware today that the Minister for Treasury and Resources recently signed just last week the Ministerial Decision to present the report to this Assembly, and we were advised by the staff earlier on this morning that it is the matter of process and should be with us hopefully later on today.

2.4.1 Senator A. Breckon:

I wonder if I may ask the Assistant Minister if he would like comment on the fact that the Minister for Treasury and Resources himself had an amendment to this, setting a target date of 6 months from the debate, which was 6th January, therefore this month this report is 2 months late. Would he like to comment on the production of an inferior report, 33 per cent over time?

The Connétable of St. Peter:

Yes, the Minister for Treasury and Resources is very much aware that it has run over the time set by this Chamber for delivery of it, and he has completed the report as quickly as possible. The report itself was finalised recently, specifically to include the provision out-turn for 2010. Data for the 2010 account has only recently been completed to be made available for audit. Had the Minister delayed until the completion of the audit, this would have added a further at least 2 months to the publication and therefore he felt it was necessary to publish it in the shorter term to ensure that Members had the fullest information available to them.