

### **2.3 Connétable P.J. Rondel of St. John of the Chief Minister regarding the retirement of the consultant gynaecologist:**

Would the Chief Minister inform Members whether the agreement made earlier this year between the former consultant gynaecologist and the States Employment Board contains a provision that the Chief Minister would make a public statement relating to the consultant's retirement and, if so, when will the Chief Minister make this statement?

#### **Senator I.J. Gorst (The Chief Minister):**

The agreement between the States Employment Board and the former consultant contained a statement which could be made by me as follows: "The conclusions of the independent reports prepared by Verita and Goodwin Hannah and their specific findings regarding the handling of the exclusion of - I will use the individual's name, Sir, because that is what was included in the statement - John Day, a senior and long-serving hospital consultant have previously been acknowledged. An amicable settlement totalling £448,000 has been reached in relation to the net losses suffered by him, including in relation to a loss of private income and which also includes a contribution to his retraining and legal costs. It is hoped that we can now place these sad events behind us."

#### **2.3.1 The Connétable of St. John:**

Would the Chief Minister confirm that the correct version of the settlement and acknowledgement to the House will also be released to his colleagues and friends within the hospital to prevent any confusion that may arise?

#### **Senator I.J. Gorst:**

It is my understanding that that statement was issued to hospital staff some weeks ago. I will double-check that and ensure that it was but it is my understanding that it already has been.

#### **2.3.2 Senator S.C. Ferguson:**

Will the Chief Minister check with the Director of Human Resources that the other requirement under the contract that a statement exonerating the consultant in all the matters has been placed in his personnel file?

#### **Senator I.J. Gorst:**

Due to the unusual nature of the conclusion to these particularly sad events, I was drawn into reviewing and agreeing this agreement. I am not aware of the inclusion of such a clause that the questioner suggests but I will certainly go and review that in case my memory is faulty.

#### **Senator S.C. Ferguson:**

I will send the details to the Chief Minister with pleasure.

#### **Senator I.J. Gorst:**

I am not sure that the Senator needs to do that. I can indeed review the agreement.