

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER FOR  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 17th APRIL 2012**

**Question**

Would the Minister, in relation to the report concerning 'golden handshakes' recently released by the Comptroller and Auditor General, confirm that the reason for the curtailment of the Chief Executive's contract was the irretrievable breakdown of the latter's working relationship with the Minister for Treasury and Resources and not that the Chief Executive had difficulty with the other Ministers?

If this was the case, would the Chief Minister state why it was considered preferable to lose the Chief Executive, rather than ask the States to remove the Minister for Treasury and Resources from office?

**Answer**

I was not a party to the discussion on the curtailment of the former Chief Executive's contract so I cannot comment on this issue in any meaningful way. Suffice it to say that this was a very difficult and complex issue to resolve at the time, but my predecessor, as Chief Minister, clearly took the view that it was in the public interest that the former Chief Executive's contract should be terminated.

Going forward, over the coming months I fully intend to implement the recommendations laid out in the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General to which the Deputy refers, in particular to consider how best to develop the Code of Conduct for Ministers to deal explicitly with the relationship between Ministers and officers.