

2.8 Deputy J.M. Maçon of St. Saviour of the Chief Minister regarding the impact of the Leveson Report in Jersey:

Has the Chief Minister considered the Leveson Report and if so, will he be bringing forward any proposals to better safeguard members of the public and if not, why not?

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

I think we can be grateful that our media has not been prone to the excesses of the U.K. printed media. I am aware of the Leveson Report findings and recommendations but will wait to see how the U.K. Government decides to respond before considering any potential proposals for Jersey.

2.8.1 Deputy J.M. Maçon:

Just for absolute clarity, is the Chief Minister saying he is giving the Assembly an undertaking that he will keep a watching brief on this matter and report back in due course?

Senator I.J. Gorst:

Indeed, but as the Deputy will be well aware, there is robust and strong argument taking place in the United Kingdom about what the correct course of action is and that, I believe, arises out of the inappropriate and illegal behaviour that some of the media have been involved in and I think in the meantime, we can, as I said, be very grateful that our media have not been prone to those excesses.