

### **2.3 Deputy M. Tadier of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the publication of the report of the Action for Children Review:**

Given that in her response to the report by the Health, Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel (S.R.2/2012), it was anticipated that the report of Action for Children Review would be published at the end of June 2012, will the Minister explain why there has been a delay and when it will be published?

#### **Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier (Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services - rapporteur):**

The Minister is out of the Island so I am going to answer the question. Unfortunately there were some delays on the part of Action for Children. Also because it was commissioned by the Children's Policy Group who only meets 4 times a year, we received the report in October and it was signed off in November. My Minister was tasked with responding to the report and producing a response and this has now been done - I am informed - and it will go to Scrutiny by the end of the week and then it will be published for everybody else directly after that.

#### **2.3.1 Deputy M. Tadier:**

I thank the Assistant Minister for her response. Will she give an undertaking to - obviously now that this has been delayed - make sure that any recommendations for the review are implemented immediately in consultation with Scrutiny, because I understand that there are urgent issues going on in some areas of Children's Social Services and Respite Care, *et cetera*, which do need urgent attention.

#### **Deputy J.A. Martin:**

Yes, of course I will give that understanding on behalf... I represent the 4 children as well, but I would like to reassure the Deputy that just reading through some of the responses already, we are already actioning lots of the recommendations from the Scrutiny Report and some recommendations that Health already had. So I would say there is nothing particularly new in the Action for Children report. As I say, our recommendation 47, 49, 52, 55, all of these came up from Scrutiny and they are already being actioned. We send a service improvement plan to Scrutiny quarterly in which we have incorporated all of these recommendations. So I give him that assurance; a lot of the work is being done and if he feels that, once he has seen the report, that there are areas we have missed, obviously he will bring it to our attention. Thank you.