

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS  
BY DEPUTY T.M. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 5th MARCH 2013**

**Question**

Can the Minister inform members whether, in the early stages of the historic child abuse investigation, both a current States Member and an individual still employed by the States and himself facing a number of allegation relating to abuse, went to Haut de la Garenne and attempted to gain access past the Police cordon stating that they needed to collect/remove personal material?

**Answer**

The States of Jersey Police have no formal record of any such visit by either party and with the passage of time, there is no-one still serving within the States of Jersey Police who is able to confirm that any such visit took place.

However, I am aware that Deputy Kevin Lewis was very familiar with the building because of the time that he had spent there during the production of the Bergerac series. The premises were used for the Bergerac series for about 7 years after they had ceased to be used as a Children's Home.

When mention was made in the press of a large bath on the premises, he contacted the States of Jersey Police in order to offer them assistance. His offer was accepted and he met the then Deputy Chief Officer Harper and, without entering the building, showed him from the outside the area where the bath was situated.

I am also aware that one ex-officer has a recollection of a suspect turning up at Haut de la Garenne, as did other parties throughout the early stages of the Haut de la Garenne part of the investigation, but that no attempt was made by the suspect to enter the site.