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2.7 Deputy J.M. Maçon of St. Saviour of the Chief Minister regarding the making of an official statement on the response of the Council of Ministers to the recommendation of the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry: [1(583)]

Now that States Members have had an opportunity to read the response of the Council of Ministers to the recommendations of the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry, will the Chief Minister make an official statement to the Assembly regarding the Council's response in order to give States Members the opportunity to ask him questions in public and, if not, why not?

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

Debate on this matter is now scheduled for the States sitting on 12th December; however, I am happy to make such a statement if Members feel that that would be valuable in advance of that debate.

2.7.1 Deputy J.M. Maçon:

If the Chief Minister's preferences for the debate, as has been done in previous debates of significance, will the Minister pledge that he will ask his officers to give full support to any States Members that want to bring amendments forward to that proposition? Thank you.

Senator I.J. Gorst:

They, as ever, stand ready to support any Member who wishes to amend what is proposed in the action plan in that particular report. I thank the Deputy for his constructive and important role, together with those on the Care Inquiry Advisory Panel. Of course, that does not preclude them from bringing forward their own amendments; we were quite clear about that from the start, or any other Member. What I would just ask is that Members approach officials in early order so that we can do a proper piece of work for Members, provide evidence where we can around any amendments that they might be wishing to lodge. Thank you.

Deputy J.M. Maçon:

No, because of the importance of this matter, I just wanted to keep raising it in Members' minds. Thank you.