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7 Deputy K.G. Pamplin of the Chief Minister regarding the Government's response to reviews which had been commissioned by the Jersey Safeguarding Partnership Board: [OQ.53/2019]

Following the news that 2 reviews of services commissioned by the Jersey Safeguarding Partnership Board found that Jersey urgently needs to improve protection for vulnerable adults and people with learning disabilities, will the Chief Minister explain the Government's response to those findings?

Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré (The Chief Minister):

So responding as the Deputy has requested from a high-level Government position as Chief Minister, we welcome the 2 reviews and their recommendations, which explored how we safeguard vulnerable adults and what we can do to improve our practices. The reviews have identified some examples of good practice and multi-agency working but also, as the Deputy I am sure is aware, areas which definitely do need to be improved and ways in which practitioners should be supported better by the systems that surround them and work is under way in the relevant areas to basically adopt the recommendations and facilitate those improvements.

4.7.1 Deputy K.G. Pamplin:

I thank the Chief Minister for his answer. One of the recommendations of the 40 that were put forward was the formulation of a panel, which will hopefully come into place in April. Following the panel's work and going forward from the other recommendations, who will be the chain of command - as I try to grapple with the language - for reporting for the air of transparency? What will be the chains of how the panel responds? Will it be the Chief Minister or the Minister for Health and Social Services? Will he add some clarity on the reporting lines?

Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré:

I think that is in the process of being finalised at the moment. That is why I emphasised this was high level because the responsibility for implementation falls to the individual Ministers but the overall reporting lines fall to me. That is something we need to clarify and we will do that in time for the formation of the panel.

The Deputy Bailiff:

Do you have a final supplementary, Deputy?

Deputy K.G. Pamplin:

No.