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**5 Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade of the Minister for Education regarding the George de Carteret statue: (OQ.227/2020)**

Will the Minister confirm whether or not the Jersey Youth Service sponsored the George de Carteret statue, and if so, provide details of any sponsorship amount given?

**Senator T.A. Vallois (The Minister for Education):**

The Deputy will be aware from his recent email communication with the Head of the Jersey Youth Service that they did not sponsor the George de Carteret statue and therefore no sponsorship amount was given.

**4.5.1 Deputy M. Tadier:**

I thank the Minister for the answer. I think it was important to get that on public record as a parliamentary question. Can the Minister explain why at the time on the leaflet accompanying the unveiling of the statue that the Youth Service was listed as a sponsor of the statue?

**Senator T.A. Vallois:**

I am not sure why. It could possibly be an error as to why that is under the sponsorship. The only link I can find is that the then Constable of St. Peter attended a St. Peter's youth club A.G.M. (Annual General Meeting) in July 2014 and spoke about the possibility of an award for young people in George de Carteret's name.

**4.5.2 Deputy J.H. Perchard:**

Is the Minister concerned that they were listed as a sponsor when they were not? Would she undertake to publicly correct that misinformation?

**Senator T.A. Vallois:**

Yes, it does seem strange that they are listed as a sponsor, which would imply that there was some form of sponsorship money, which I am grateful to Deputy Tadier for asking the question to me today. Hopefully this goes some way to publicly confirming that there was no sponsorship amount provided and that, in future, we hope that anything like this is clearly minuted and explained appropriately.

**4.5.3 Deputy M. Tadier:**

I think there is a fundamental principle of accountability here where we have a former States Member who has put out some information saying that a States ...

**The Bailiff:**

Deputy, it does have to be a supplemental question based on the answers that have been received.

**Deputy M. Tadier:**

Will the Minister undertake to meet with the organisers of the unveiling of the statue to find out why they spread some misinformation about the sponsorship of the statue, which was not true? Will she ask them to put out a statement to correct and explain that misinformation?

**Senator T.A. Vallois:**

I would be happy to speak to whoever was involved. I am aware the head of the Jersey Youth Service has spoken to the previous Constable to confirm around whether there was any financial contribution or not, but I would be happy to speak to those involved.