

The Bailiff:

Before the debate resumes, I understand that Deputy Lewis of St. John would like to say a few words to the Assembly.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

7. Deputy A.D. Lewis of St. John:

Before recommencing the debate, I would like to advise the House that I am unable to remain in the Chamber for the whole of the debate today. This is due to the unfortunate death of my father last week, who will be received in St. Peter's Church at 6.00 p.m. today in preparation for his funeral tomorrow. My father, Roy Lewis, was an Officer of the Royal Court while serving for many years in the Viscount's Department and is known to a number of States Members. Consequently, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Members for the numerous messages of condolence that I have received. Sir, in the light of my father's funeral tomorrow, could I also ask the Chair if I could be excused from tomorrow's debate? Thank you, Sir.

The Bailiff:

I am sure that Members will join me in expressing sympathy to the Deputy and acceding to his wishes.