

10. Statement by the Chief Minister regarding the establishment of a Charities Commission

10.1 Senator F.H. Walker (The Chief Minister):

Following the acceptance of Deputy Gorst's proposition on 12th February 2008 it was agreed that I was to report back to the States within 3 months, and that proposition was on the establishment of a Charities Commission. A group is to be established under my chairmanship to begin a feasibility study into the establishment of a Charities Commission for the Island. Unfortunately, I have to inform the House that I am now unable to return this study within the 3 month period. However, a group has been established under the chairmanship of Connétable Vibert of St. Ouen and this work is progressing.

10.1.1 Deputy I.J. Gorst:

Could the Chief Minister perhaps tell us why there has been a delay in this particular piece of work and when he expects to receive it?

Senator F.H. Walker:

There has been a delay due to pressure of work, not just on my office but also other individuals in the private sector who we wish to be involved in this investigation or the study, and it has been impossible to progress it, sadly, according to the timetable promised. I would hope to be in a position to return to the States very soon after the summer break.