

4.11 Deputy K.C. Lewis of the Chief Minister regarding the impact of the Lisbon Treaty on Jersey:

Now that the Lisbon Treaty has been signed by all 27 Member States and will become law in December, what impact, if any, does the Chief Minister believe this will have on Jersey?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur (The Chief Minister):

The relationship that Jersey has had with the E.U. since 1973 is enshrined in a Protocol 3 of the Treaty of Accession of the U.K. and is not changed in any way by the Lisbon Treaty.

4.11.1 Deputy K.C. Lewis:

I am aware that Jersey is covered by Protocol 3 of the Treaty but since ...

The Deputy Bailiff:

Deputy, we will just pause while the College for Girls make their exit. I am sure the gallery will clear quickly and noiselessly. Very well. Well, I am sure it is not Protocol 3 that has driven them away. But carry on, Deputy. **[Laughter]**

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

I think it probably will affect them more than us in the long run. I am aware that Jersey is covered by Protocol 3 of the Treaty. But since all Member States have now signed the Lisbon Treaty, handing more power to the European Union, any future negotiations will have to be ratified by all Member States. Is the Chief Minister satisfied that Jersey's interests are well protected?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur:

Yes.