

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY AND
HOUSING SCRUTINY PANEL BY DEPUTY I.J. GORST OF ST. CLEMENT**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 21st OCTOBER 2008

Question

R.89/2008 regarding the implementation of Dr. K. Bull's Report into Children with Social Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties (SEBD) states, with regard to recommendation 17.1.8, that 'a recommendation for an External Independent Review Group was effectively superseded by the introduction (under Ministerial Government) of the Social Affairs Scrutiny Panel' (Scrutiny panel now split into two).

Can the Chairman outline whether his panel have implemented the 'Bull' recommendations 17.1.8 and 17.2.1 (relating to the management of the revamped facility) and, if so, can he explain why they have not produced any report to show that this work has been undertaken?

Answer

I am slightly puzzled by the Deputy's question insofar as he asks whether the Panel has 'implemented' the Bull recommendations, which would seem to imply that Scrutiny has some degree of executive responsibility in this matter. I was not a member of the former Social Affairs Panel and therefore cannot comment with authority on its business prior to the creation of the Health, Social Security and Housing Panel in late 2006. However, I am not aware of these particular matters having been referred at any point for consideration by Scrutiny and can confirm that they have not featured in any review in my Panel's work programme, which explains why no report has been produced on this issue by the Health, Social Security and Housing Panel.