## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 29th JANUARY 2019

## Question

Further to the adoption of paragraph (a) of 'Reform Day: 28th September 1769' (P.107/2012) on 20th November 2012, that "28th September should be recognised annually by the States of Jersey as 'Reform Day' to mark the anniversary of the events in Jersey of 28th September 1769", will the Chief Minister advise –

- (a) what has been done to mark Reform Day since the adoption of the proposition and, if nothing, why the Assembly's decision has not been implemented;
- (b) who has official responsibility to make sure that Reform Day is commemorated every year; and
- (c) whether it his intention for this year's 250th anniversary of the Corn Riots to receive special commemoration?

## **Answer**

The decision to commemorate Reform Day was agreed by the States Assembly through P.107/2012. The Chief Minister supports the efforts of the Deputy to raise awareness and improve the education of such pivotal moments in the Island's history.

- a) The Chief Minister understands that the States Greffe is currently considering how best to commemorate Reform Day, as part of its efforts to explain and share the wider aspects of the States Assembly and its history with the public. He supports the efforts of the States Greffe in their wider strategy.
  - As only paragraph a) of P.107/2012 was adopted, "to agree that 28th September should be recognised annually by the States of Jersey as 'Reform Day' to mark the anniversary of the events in Jersey of 28th September 1769" no specific requirements were made as to how the day should be acknowledged annually.
- b) The Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC) is best placed to coordinate the commemoration of such annual events.
- c) The Chief Minister encourages the Deputy to liaise with the PPC to identify their plans for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Corn Riots, and to work with them to achieve the special commemoration that the Deputy desires.