

2.3 Deputy T.M. Pitman of the Chief Minister regarding disciplinary action in relation to the Napier findings:

Given that on 12th October 2010 the Chief Minister informed Members that disciplinary action would be dealt with through normal procedures, will he inform Members whether disciplinary action has been taken in relation to the Napier findings, and if so, what has been the outcome?

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

I believe I have already answered this question, or a very similar one, on at least 2 previous occasions. I have indeed carried out and I have now concluded such disciplinary actions as were necessary in respect of the findings contained in the Napier report. As I have previously indicated, the outcome of those findings remains confidential to the parties concerned.

2.3.1 Deputy T.M. Pitman:

Could the Minister then advise whether these disciplinary outcomes will result in anyone resigning or being removed from their post?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur:

I said that the outcomes remain confidential to the parties concerned.

2.3.2 Deputy D.J.A. Wimberley of St. Mary:

Does the Chief Minister not realise that by saying that he can respond to a report that took months and months to write and cost nearly £50,000, and he is telling us that he has done it now, it is all done and dusted and he has done the actions and he has done the response and we can all go to bed to sleep peacefully; does he not realise that this looks very strange from outside the Chamber?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur:

Each person will have his own particular interpretation of how it looks outside the Chamber. I am concerned to do what I believe is the correct thing to do.

2.3.3 The Deputy of St. Martin:

I am very impressed by the speed in which the discipline matter was dealt with. Could the Chief Minister inform Members when, in actual fact, the disciplinary procedures began and when they were concluded in this particular case?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur:

They began very shortly after I received the Napier report, when I read it and decided what actions, if necessary, needed to be taken. It was concluded, I would say, probably about 2 weeks ago.

2.3.4 Deputy T.M. Pitman:

I appreciate what the Minister has said, but does he not appreciate that for the public the big criticism of us as government is no one is held accountable. Does he not agree that the public should at least know who has been held accountable?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur:

As far as I am concerned, the main problem of accountability rests with the person who is responsible for the Haut de la Garenne incident in the first place, and that person is no longer in the employ of the States.