

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2010**

Question

Would the Chief Minister confirm whether the ACPO team provided reports from January 2008 on the progress of their mentoring and guidance of the Haut de la Garenne inquiry to the Chief Executive to the Council of Ministers and the then Chief Minister, and if so, would the Chief Minister advise Members of the dates of those meetings and undertake to publish the minutes?

Answer

The ACPO team did not provide any reports to either the then Chief Minister or the Chief Executive to the Council of Ministers.

There was one informal meeting on 7th March 2008 when the Home Affairs Minister invited the Chief Minister and Chief Executive to meet two ACPO officers who were undertaking the review of the Police investigation. The ACPO team provided a brief verbal presentation of their findings. No papers were presented, nor notes taken.

The only written information that was presented to the Chief Minister and Chief Executive about the ACPO review was contained in a letter dated 12th June from the Home Affairs Minister to the Chief Minister. It contained the following information:

“I am not an expert in criminal investigation and therefore have sought advice from the Association of Chief Police Officers for England and Wales (ACPO) who have appointed an independent group of experts to audit the investigation against recommended best practice and to prepare reports with comments and recommendations. I have already studied two reports and a third is being studied by my Assistant Minister. On the basis of the reports I have seen so far I am satisfied that best practice is being followed and that recommendations are being acted upon.”