

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2017**

Question

Given the praise of the Probation Service by the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry in R.59/2017 and the recommendation of the Inquiry that the high standards and best practice of that service should be shared with other services which care for children, what, if anything, has the Minister done to facilitate the implementation of this recommendation and how will her Department demonstrate that this has occurred and will continue to occur on an ongoing basis?

Answer

The Care Inquiry recommended putting in place a plan for the recruitment and retention of staff in Children's Services, and that this plan should take into account the positive experience that there seems to be in the Probation Service in creating a much more stable staff group (para 13.26).

At present, the oversight of the Probation Service does not involve the Minister for Home Affairs. This oversight arrangement for the Probation Service in Jersey differs from that found elsewhere in the British Isles. The Minister for Home Affairs does not have responsibility for the services which care for children. Accordingly, it is not within the remit of the Minister for Home Affairs to take the action requested.