

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
BY SENATOR J.L. PERCHARD**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2008

Question

Will the Minister inform the Assembly who informed the States of Jersey Police that the fragment, found in February 2008 under a stairwell at Haut de la Garenne, was not bone and the date that this information was received by the Police?

Answer

The laboratory informed the States of Jersey Police on 31st March 2008, for the first time, that they had some concern about what the item was. Over the next few days they continued to say that "we do not think this is bone unless it is very old bone." Nothing more definitive than this was given.

On Saturday 17th May the laboratory were asked if they were now saying it was definitively not bone. They said that they did not believe it to be bone but if we wanted a definitive answer then we should have it re-examined. To date, although the opinion is now less conclusive, the States of Jersey Police have not had a definitive contradiction of the original belief.