

### **2.3 Senator S. Syvret of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the transportation of children in custodial care to Court:**

Will the Minister inform the Assembly whether children in custodial care are transported from Les Chenes/Greenfields to court in the same vehicle as adult prisoners from H.M.P. (Her Majesty's Prison) La Moye and if so does he consider that this practice is compatible with the Children (Jersey) Law 2002, in particular Articles 19 and 35?

#### **Senator B.E. Shenton:**

When a young person is presented to the Royal Court for a secure accommodation order, he or she is escorted between Greenfields and the court in an unmarked car by a member of the childcare staff because this is a civil matter. In the case of a young person who is subject to custodial remand at Greenfields transportation is the responsibility of the Minister for Home Affairs as this is a criminal matter. I understand that the Minister for Home Affairs will be providing the Assembly with details of the type of transport used. I believe that the current arrangements are compliant with the Children (Jersey) Law 2002, however, in order to fully ensure that this is the case legal advice has been sought on compatibility with Article 19 and Article 35 of the Law.

#### **2.3.1 Senator S. Syvret:**

Does the Minister accept the fact that children under custodial orders have in fact been transported in the same vehicle as adult prisoners to the courts?

#### **Senator B.E. Shenton:**

I understand that this is the case and I must admit that personally I was very surprised and that is why we are seeking legal advice on the matter.