WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 29th MARCH 2011

Question

Given our proximity to Flamanville, in the event of a nuclear emergency and given that the trained parish liaison officers were disbanded/subsumed in part into the Honorary Police in 2003/4, will the Chief Minister, in his capacity as Chairman of the Emergencies Council, review this and give details of what training is in place to deal with any significant prolonged emergency?

Answer

The Deputy will be aware that the Emergencies Council is responsible for reviewing the Island's preparedness in the event of a major emergency affecting Jersey.

Working with the Emergency Services, the Honorary Police, States departments, the Parishes and volunteers the Emergency Planning Office co-ordinates regular training exercises which deal with a range of potentially significant emergency scenarios. These exercises are based on those scenarios that are relevant to Jersey and provide an opportunity to test how prepared the Island is for a wide range of risks. An exercise is planned to test generic emergency planning with the specific scenario of a radiation incident.

I can assure the Deputy that the Emergencies Council regularly reviews the emergency planning arrangements ensuring that they are fit for purpose.