WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS BY DEPUTY R.G. LE HÉRISSIER OF ST. SAVIOUR ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 19th MAY 2009

Question

How is the effectiveness of the Prison measured and is it intended to report on these measures in forthcoming Annual reports?

Answer

The Prison Governor reports to the Chief Officer and to myself on a monthly basis at a formal Ministerial meeting on all matters related to the operational management of the Prison.

The Chief Officer for Home Affairs closely monitors the following areas:

- progress with the Prison Improvement Plan
- the level of mis-conduct reports (particularly acts of violence)
- acts of self harm
- breaches of licence
- management of resources
- regime developments
- escapes

All of the above are reported on in the Prison's Annual Report.

However, as the Prison's resources are now more in alignment with requirements and there has been a significant improvement in the conditions and breadth of regime, I am minded to consider setting more formal Key Performance Indicators next year. They would, of course, be reported on in subsequent Annual Reports.

Probation conducts periodic reviews of reconviction rates and a further study will be available later this year which will be incorporated into the Annual Report.