

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2025
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 27th JANUARY 2025**

Question

“In relation to the Haut du Mont explosion, will the Chief Minister advise –

- (a) when the investigation findings and recommendations will be made public;
- (b) when the Government intends to issue its response; and
- (c) how those affected by the tragedy have been supported and compensated for their loss?”

Answer

(a) The criminal investigations conducted by the States of Jersey Police and the Health & Safety Inspectorate into the explosion at Haut du Mont have continued in parallel. A case file was submitted to the Law Officers’ Department at the end of September 2024 and a decision regarding prosecution is expected shortly. As the matter is subject to sub judice, details of the investigation and its findings will not be made public or addressed until judicial proceedings are concluded.

(b) As there are potential legal proceedings, it is not appropriate for the Government to comment before the cases have been concluded. Once they are, a formal Government response can be considered.

(c) Those affected by the tragedy have been supported since December 2022 by the States of Jersey Police, the Government of Jersey and Andium Homes. This has included emotional support, regular contact meetings with those impacted as well as practical support, access to health professionals and the opportunity to meet as a community. All those affected have been kept fully updated and consulted, including on arrangements for the first anniversary and on consultation on the future use of the site and a memorial.

The Bailiff’s Fund supported those affected and predominantly focused on individuals who did not have insurance and immediate family members who required assistance with unexpected travel arrangements. The appropriate time for compensation to be considered would be after the outcome of any court case.