

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 17th JULY 2012**

Question

Does the Minister accept that his actions leading up to the resignation of the Comptroller and Auditor General have damaged the reputation of the Island, making the recruitment of a successor extremely difficult and the holding to account of Ministers by the States impossible and, if so, will he now offer his resignation and, if not, why not?

Answer

No, the Minister does not accept any part of this statement and the Minister would refer the Deputy to the Minister for Treasury and Resources Statement to the Assembly last week.

The Comptroller and Auditor General resigned after a witness in the inquiry questioned how his evidence was recorded and reported. This means that elements of the Comptroller and Auditor General's report are not capable of independent corroboration. Faced with this situation the Minister was perfectly entitled to defend his reputation and he has no intention of resigning.

The appointment of a new Comptroller and Auditor General is the joint responsibility of the Chief Minister and the Chairman of PAC.