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3.12 Deputy M.R. Higgins of the Chief Minister regarding the submission of the former Deputy Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police to the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry:

Will the Chief Minister advise Members whether the lawyers representing the States of Jersey, the States of Jersey Police or the Law Officers' Department have revealed any details to the Council of Ministers or individual Ministers of the submission of the former Deputy Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police to the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry and if so in what circumstances and why?

Senator I.J. Gorst (The Chief Minister):

I am given to understand that neither of the law firms representing departments and the States of Jersey Police nor the Law Officers' Department have provided details to the Council of Ministers or individual Ministers regarding the submission to the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry made by the former Deputy Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police.

3.12.1 Deputy M.R. Higgins:

Supplementary? It is quite obvious from the Minister for External Affairs' speech in the States in the last sitting that he had knowledge of that particular document. Is the Chief Minister concerned that information has been leaked from some source involving the Care Inquiry and will he look ... sorry not look ... but order an inquiry into where that information has come from and, if not, why not?

Senator I.J. Gorst:

As I understand it from the media, so I cannot verify that directly, the Independent Care Inquiry itself is carrying out an investigation and that is the appropriate body if they have concerns.

The Deputy Bailiff:

That brings us to ...

Deputy M.R. Higgins:

Sorry, I am sure I am entitled to another supplementary in which case can I ask the question?

The Deputy Bailiff:

Yes, you can have a further supplementary.

3.12.2 Deputy M.R. Higgins:

Obviously a concern of the Care Inquiry is they have started an inquiry. Can I just ask the Chief Minister whether he has asked his Minister for External Affairs where he got the information from and, if so, what was he told?

Senator I.J. Gorst:

Perhaps I could ask the Deputy whether he has.