

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND
CULTURE BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2012**

Question

Will the Minister advise the Assembly why he has appointed the former Directorate Manager of Social Services to be the Chairperson of the Jersey Child Care Trust (R.105) bearing in mind that she and/or her Department's role may, or may not, be considered in the forthcoming inquiry into Haut de la Garenne?

Does the Minister not think that it would have been wiser to await the Committee of Inquiry's Report before appointing anyone formerly employed in this area of States work to such an important position?

Answer

The recruitment to this post was carried out in line with the Nolan Principles which relate to high-level honorary and voluntary positions.

This appointment was overseen by the Appointments Commission in whom I have confidence.

I am not aware of any reason why the appointment should not have been made.