

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY S.Y. MÉZEC OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER 2015**

Question

What consideration, if any, has been given to the suggestion from prominent Channel Islanders of Jersey contributing, both in cost and expertise, to a Royal Commission into the difficulties facing Sark?

Answer

We note that the Chief Minister of Guernsey, Deputy Jonathan Le Tocq has said: “Whether Sark wishes to seek a panel of inquiry to investigate its domestic affairs is a matter for Sark, working with the Crown.” The Ministry of Justice has said that it is a matter for the Sark authorities to consider how they would like to proceed. We also note that a Bailiwick of Guernsey Council is being established, which will bring together representatives of the States of Guernsey, States of Alderney and Chief Pleas of Sark. Jersey participates in the ‘friends of Sark’ group established by the Ministry of Justice, and we stand ready to respond to any, further, official requests for assistance.