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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY DEPUTY R. LABEY OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Question

What progress has been made to implement each of the following recommendations made by the Carswell Review of 2010 into "The Roles of the Crown Officers" and, if a decision has been taken not to implement any of the recommendations, how and when was that position adopted and by whom?

- (a) The membership of the recommending panel for the appointment of the Bailiff and Deputy Bailiff should be augmented by the addition of two persons with substantial legal experience, one of whom should be from outside Jersey, to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor
- (b) The membership of the recommending panel for the appointment of the Law Officers should be augmented by the addition of two members of the States, to be appointed by the States.
- (c) The Bailiff's Consultative Panel should no longer be consulted about the appointment of the Crown Officers.

Answer

These recommendations will be addressed through the development of a proposal for the establishment of a Judicial and Legal Services Commission. This project is referred to at page 57 of the Draft Annex to the Medium Term Financial Plan Addition for 2017-2019. Officers within the Department for Community and Constitutional Affairs are currently developing this proposal, which it is expected will be the subject of public consultation in early 2017.