

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
BY DEPUTY T.M. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 31st JANUARY 2012**

Question

Will the Minister clarify whether or not the invoice in the region of £14,000 (discounted from approximately £26,000) previously sent to the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel from the company BDO Alto relating to the financial management of the Operation Rectangle Review has now been paid by Home Affairs; what date this was finally settled and, if not settled, will he advise whether he will be requesting the amount to be paid by a scrutiny panel?

Answer

The Home Affairs Department, having taken advice, will not be paying the invoice for costs submitted by BDO Alto in the sum of £14,143.50, and has advised the company accordingly. Whether BDO Alto seeks payment from the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel is a matter for the company, although the company has been advised that the Panel is likely to take a similar view.