

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, 1st APRIL 2003 BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN**

Question

Under the provisions of the Milk Marketing Scheme (Approval) (Jersey) Act 1954, a minimum of 25 signatures of registered producers are required in order to requisition the calling of a general meeting of the Jersey Milk Marketing Board. There are now only in the region of 36 cattle farmers left in the industry from an original number of approximately 1000, of which nine members sit on the Jersey Milk Marketing Board.

Will the President inform members whether the Committee will be taking any action to seek amendments to the constitution of the Jersey Milk Marketing Board, and if so, how and when this is intended?

Answer

The constitution of the Jersey Milk Marketing Board, (JMMB), is governed by the Milk Marketing Scheme (Approval) (Jersey) Act, 1954. The Economic Development Committee is of the view that this Scheme does require review and subsequent modification. An initial meeting between the JMMB and the Economic Development Committee was held on the 26th March 2003. Various areas warranting action were identified, including the review of the Scheme which governs the constitution of the JMMB. These actions will be progressed over the coming months, but it would be premature to say at this stage what changes are required or when firm recommendations will be forthcoming. However, it is likely that it will be late summer or autumn of this year before firm proposals will be finalised.

Members can be assured that this issue is receiving due priority and attention. Proposed changes will be brought back to this Assembly as soon as practicable.