

Chairmen's Committee

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Date: 15.04.10
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Present	Senator B. E. Shenton, President Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier, Vice-President Senator A. Breckon Senator S.C. Ferguson Deputy P.J. Rondel Deputy M.R. Higgins
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	

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	<p>1. Information requested not forthcoming from the Social Security Department</p> <p>The Panel considered correspondence dated 14th April 2010 from the Chairman of the Health, Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel to the Minister for Social Security in respect of information not being forthcoming in a timely manner.</p> <p>The Committee noted that in October 2009 the Review of Benefits Income Support Sub-Panel had agreed with the Social Security Department that information would be made available to the Sub-panel by 31st March 2010. Given that the Easter period fell immediately after that deadline the Sub-Panel had considered it reasonable to allow a further short delay beyond that date. However the Sub-Panel had been advised that it would be another ten days before the information could be made available.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that this was unacceptable and agreed to support the Chairman of the Health, Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel by also writing to the Minister for Social Security. Furthermore, given the recent agreement between the Chairmen's Committee and the Council of Ministers that requests from the scrutiny office would be acknowledged promptly and information should be forthcoming within seven days or if this was not possible to respond as soon as was practicable thereafter, the Committee agreed that the letter should be copied to the Chief Minister.</p>	

Signed

Date:

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Senator B. Shenton
President

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