## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 17th JUNE 2014

## Question

Will the Chief Minister advise Members -

- (a) whether the Council of Ministers has decided to include under the historic abuse redress scheme claims against abuse that occurred in States funded foster homes;
- (b) whether the Council of Ministers has received any further claims for abuse that occurred after the cut off date for compensation under the scheme and whether or not it has allowed these claims to be considered for compensation and, if not, why not?

## **Answer**

- (a) The Council of Ministers has recently permitted the known claims involving alleged abuse in States' foster care to be considered under the Scheme as exceptions.
  - The Council of Ministers will give further consideration to extending the scheme to cover alleged abuse in States' foster care at a future meeting.
- (b) Four claims were received by the Historic Abuse Redress Scheme after the cut-off date for submission of claims (30th September 2012). The Council of Ministers considered these claims in anonymised format, and the reasons given for their late submission. All four were permitted to be considered under the Scheme, as if they had been received before the deadline of 30th September 2012.