

2.7 Senator B.E. Shenton of the Minister for Home Affairs regarding categorisation of prisoners as vulnerable at H.M. Prison La Moye:

Would the Minister inform Members whether there is a policy in H.M. Prison La Moye to categorise certain prisoners as vulnerable who might not be regarded as such in other places and, if so, could she reassure Members that this policy does not lead to less attention being directed towards very vulnerable prisoners with potentially tragic consequences?

Senator W. Kinnard (The Minister for Home Affairs):

H.M. Prison La Moye has to deal with a whole range of prisoners that the Jersey Court sends to them; men, women, young offenders and juveniles, remand and convicted, and any of these can be considered to be vulnerable for a range of reasons. In larger jurisdictions, the wide range of prisoners would not all be held in one single prison and it would be possible to transfer prisoners having difficulty relating to other prisoners to another prison. In order to operate a safe establishment as is possible within the constraints facing La Moye, prisoners are allocated to different parts of the prison according to a range of criteria. This leads to greater attention being paid to those who are identified as needing that attention, rather than the suggestion that there may be less attention. I would encourage the Senator and other States Members who have not visited the prison in recent times to do so. I know that the Prison Governor will certainly welcome any such approaches from Members and will facilitate such a visit.