

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2014**

Question

Will the Minister advise Members whether the milk teeth recovered during Operation Rectangle were subject to analysis to determine their age and other factors after 12th November 2008, and detail:

- (a) when they were tested and by whom;
- (b) what tests were carried out and the conclusions reached from those tests;
- (c) whether there has been an unbroken chain of signed custody for the teeth from the moment they were recovered to the present day;
- (d) whether the teeth remain in the custody of the States of Jersey Police or with another agency, and if the latter the name of the agency;

and if not, why not?

Answer

- (a) As the teeth were found, they were viewed in batches by Dr Paul Liddiard (local Forensic Odontologist) and confirmed to be human milk (deciduous) teeth. All of the teeth were then sent to Dr Freddie Martin (a UK based Forensic Odontologist) again in batches. He also confirmed the identification of the teeth. All examinations were carried out on various dates prior to 12th November 2008.
- (b) On all teeth – visual examination and identification as being human deciduous teeth.
- (c) Yes, there has been an unbroken custody and continuity of the all exhibits.
- (d) The teeth are retained and held by the States of Jersey Police.