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2 Deputy S.M. Wickenden of St. Helier of the Chief Minister regarding legacy issues he had dealt with since taking office: [OQ.106/2018]

Will the Chief Minister agree to provide by the end of the week Members with a list of all the legacy issues he has been dealing with since taking office and will he say which he thinks are the most significant for the Island?

Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré (The Chief Minister):

In short, the answer is no, I shall not be providing a list by the end of the week. However, we are facing a number of issues that have arisen from pieces of work and all matters that have arisen or taken place over the last few months. What I will be doing is I will be arranging a briefing for all States Members after half-term so that Members can be fully informed on such issues. I hope that helps the Deputy.

4.2.1 Deputy S.M. Wickenden:

I would like to ask the Chief Minister if he agrees that the term 'legacy issue', which is what we have heard over the whole of the summer holidays of what work the Chief Minister has been undertaking, is very unhelpful and very unhelpful for areas of Back-Benchers and Scrutiny to be able to know what is being done within the Council of Ministers.

Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré:

I am not entirely sure I understood the question. If Deputy Wickenden wishes to know what the issues are that we are facing, absolutely no problem in him asking for a briefing. There are a variety of issues, which range from Children's Services, as should have been evident from last week, to mental health provision, to organisational cultural change, and on a deadline date, the fact that we have to get the Common Strategic Policy in place by 4th October. However, some of the issues that come around with that, around things like adequacy of financial governance, related systems and process, are the foundations of what we want to do about cultural and organisational change. There are issues arising out of that. They are still being identified as part of what you might call the due diligence that has been going on. That is what I think Members should be briefed on in a far more formalised process where they are able to ask very detailed questions, and that is what I am going to arrange for after half-term.