

**3.4 Senator B.E. Shenton of the Chief Minister regarding absence from Strategic Plan 2006-2011 of specific statement on implications for States manpower resources:**

The Strategic Plan 2006-2011 (P.40/2006) does not provide a specific statement on any implications for the manpower resources of the States as required in accordance with Standing Order 21. As this is required for any amendment to the Plan, would the Chief Minister explain why no such statement has been included and what action, if any, he plans to take to redress this matter?

**Senator F.H. Walker (The Chief Minister):**

I thank the Senator for his question. Pages 16-18 of the draft Strategic Plan contain a detailed resources statement by the Minister for Treasury and Resources. This sets out the overall financial framework within which the Strategic Plan will be delivered, including revenue expenditure, of which manpower costs form a major part. The actual detailed costs and manpower numbers will be given in the statements accompanying the Annual States Business Plan and in individual policies when they are brought to the States for approval. I do accept, however, that this could have been made more explicit in the resources statement, and I will be asking the Council of Ministers to consider making an amendment to this effect when it meets on Thursday.

**3.4.1 Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour:**

Would the Chief Minister not acknowledge that deriving manpower figures from what are essentially aspirational figures, i.e. figures that are based on hope and aspiration, is a very strange way on which to base a manpower statement?

**Senator F.H. Walker:**

If they were based on hope and aspiration, I would. The fact is they are not. They are based on considerable thought and detailed planning.

**3.4.2 Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier:**

Would the Chief Minister confirm that when members are required to make a statement, there must be money within the system in order to pay for the proposed addition to service or change in service? Would he guarantee that the money is available to pay for what is outlined on pages 16 and 18?

**Senator F.H. Walker:**

Yes, Sir.