

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEALTH, SOCIAL SECURITY
AND HOUSING SCRUTINY PANEL
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2011**

Question

Has the panel had time to study the reports of its predecessors, and in particular, Review of Benefit Levels (S.R.3/2011), and Review of CSR2 (S.R.13/2011), both of which contain questions and recommendations which have yet to be fully addressed by their respective Ministers and, if not, will the panel undertake to do so?

In pursuance of continuity in the scrutiny function will the panel undertake to give appropriate consideration to the conclusions of these reports when it assesses its priorities for 2012 reviews and, in particular, will she assure the Assembly that the panel will conduct some assessment of the impact of the CSR process and staff shortages on hospital waiting lists before further decisions have to be made in the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2013 and beyond in relation to the budget of the Health and Social Services Department?

Answer

The Health, Social Security and Housing (HSSH) Panel is scheduled to have its first meeting next week, and future reviews is included as an agenda item. The Deputy raises valid points regarding the impact of the CSR process on health policy. It should be noted, however, that the Panel will not confirm its work programme for 2012 until it has met formally and is able to consider its workload thoroughly.

Indeed, the Panel has met informally and has been made aware of the previous Panel's reports, namely S.R3/2011 and S.R.13/2011. The Deputy can be assured that the Panel will give both reports due consideration when it discusses its 2012 work programme.