

2.9 Deputy D.W. Mezbourian of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the formal response to S.R.1/200: ‘GP Co-operative Out-of-Hours Service’:

Notwithstanding the Minister’s recent indisposition, when will the Minister formally respond to S.R.1/2007 ‘Overdale Closure of Leoville and McKinstry wards’ presented on 10th January 2007, and to S.R.6/2007 ‘GP Co-operative Out-of-Hours Service’ presented on 8th March 2007?

Senator S. Syvret (The Minister for Health and Social Services):

The formal ministerial response to both of these reviews will be on Members’ desks tomorrow morning.

2.9.1 Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour:

I wonder if the Minister, again notwithstanding his indisposition, on 13th March he told us it would be available at the end of that particular week, the Overdale response, and he was able to be with us several weeks thereafter. Could he tell us why it has taken so long?

Senator S. Syvret:

In respect specifically of the Overdale report, so utterly defective and profoundly flawed was the review and the report that came from it that it has, in fact, taken a substantial period of time to produce a very detailed and in depth response to it, but it is also worth bearing in mind that originally the review itself was supposed to take 3 months but in fact ended up taking 6 months.