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5.10 Deputy M.B. Andrews of the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development regarding the appointment of his Assistant Ministers (OQ.42/2024)

Will the Minister provide his reasons for the appointment of the Connétable of St. John and Deputy Scott as his Assistant Ministers; and will he advise whether they were the first Members he considered appointing?

Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity (The Minister for Sustainable Economic Development):

The appointment of Assistant Ministers is subject to many influences, limitations and constraints making it impossible to simplify an analysis of the process to the extent where you could possibly determine the order in which States Members were considered. The appointment of Ministers, of course, is decided between both Ministers and the Chief Minister. I have always been open to working with all Members of the Assembly and was pleased to appoint a strong team whose skills complement the portfolio. The Connétable of St. John has a long record, both inside and outside the Assembly, as a champion for sport and I know he will continue the positive work undertaken by Deputy Stephenson. As for Scrutiny Chair Deputy Scott brings strong understanding of the whole portfolio and she has shown a particular drive in improving the Island's cybersecurity and with investment. The Connétable of St. Helier is also a natural choice, given his parochial role and Assistant Minister position within Infrastructure. I hope that together we can all bring forward much-needed improvements to the central markets and other places in town.

5.10.1 Deputy M.B. Andrews:

Can the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development confirm whether the Chief Minister instructed him to appoint the 2 Assistant Ministers or whether it was his choice to appoint those 2 Ministers?

Deputy K.F. Morel:

It was my choice happily to accept the appointment of the Assistant Ministers.