

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY  
THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARTIN  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st MARCH 2011**

**Question**

“On 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010 when the Chief Minister made his statement in relation to the Historical Child Abuse Inquiry, he stated that in the very near future the Council of Ministers would formally consider whether any unanswered questions remained and report to the States. The Chief Minister said he would take note of the Deputy of St Martin’s suggestion to consider inviting some of those Members who had shown a keen interest in the matter so there could be a combined way forward, but it would depend on the outcome of the Council of Ministers' views.

Will the Chief Minister inform Members whether the Deputy’s suggestion was considered by the Council of Ministers and if it was, why it was not taken on board? If it was not considered will the Chief Minister explain why it was not considered?”

**Answer**

I can assure the Deputy of St Martin that his suggestion was discussed by the Council of Ministers at meetings held on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and again on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011. The Council of Ministers considered the suggestion very seriously but concluded that it was better for all States Members to be made aware of the Council of Ministers views as soon as possible rather than a selected group who in the Deputy’s words “had shown a keen interest in the matter”.