

**6. Statement by the Minister for Home Affairs regarding the suspension of the Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police.**

**The Deputy Bailiff:**

Minister, do I understand that the making of the statement will be very confined so it does not need to be made in camera, is that right?

**Senator B.I. Le Marquand:**

I think the statement does not need to be made in camera but any subsequent discussion or questions might need to be taken in camera.

**The Deputy Bailiff:**

Very well, I invite you to make your statement.

**Senator B.I. Le Marquand:**

I hope that Members have a copy of the statement.

**The Deputy of St. Martin:**

Could I just ask if the Minister could speak up so we could all hear rather than just talk to the Chairman. Thank you.

**The Deputy Bailiff:**

Imagine you are back in court, Minister.

**The Deputy of St. John:**

On a point of order we have not been distributed the statement.

**The Deputy Bailiff:**

Most Members seem to have the statement.

**6.1 Senator B.I. Le Marquand (The Minister for Home Affairs):**

I wish to inform the Assembly that following the in camera debate which took place on 21st January 2009, I met with the Chief Officer of Police and with his representative, Dr. Timothy Brain, on 13th February 2009 and 5th March 2009 for the purpose of reviewing the suspension of the Chief Officer of Police. During the review process I considered submissions from Dr. Brain in relation to the procedure which I should follow, the documents or other matters which I should consider, the criteria which I should apply in making my decision and whether or not the Chief Officer of Police should continue to be suspended. I then proceeded to make detailed decisions in relation to each of these issues with the outcome being that I decided that the suspension of the Chief Officer of Police should continue pending the current investigation. I also wish to inform the Assembly that my current information is that the current investigation will not be completed before the end of June 2009. It is my intention to continue from time to time to review the current suspension but any such review will be based upon any relevant change of circumstances and will not be a further general review.

**The Deputy Bailiff:**

Now, Members have the opportunity to ask questions and if they wish to do so then we will need to go into camera. Very well, so the Assembly will go into camera so could I ask all those in the public gallery to please retire, and the media.

**[Debate proceeded in camera]**