

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY DEPUTY G.C.L. BAUDAINS OF ST.
CLEMENT**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 29th APRIL 2008

Question

Would the Minister confirm that Civil Servants and politicians were meeting every day to discuss the Haut de la Garenne issue, whether they are still doing so, and the purpose of those meetings?

Answer

Following the announcement by the States of Jersey Police on Saturday, 23rd February 2008 of physical findings at Haut de la Garenne, an Emergency Co-ordination Centre (ECC) was established in the Chief Minister's Department. The ECC had the following aim:

“to ensure States of Jersey manages the issues around the Haut de la Garenne Police investigation, and any subsequent historical child abuse inquiries, in an efficient and effective manner, maintaining public reassurance, as well as the professional reputation, and economic wellbeing, of the Island.”

Two distinct groups were formed with the following purposes:

1. The Chief Minister's Advisory Group - to support the Chief Minister in issues of assessment and decision-making;
2. Officer Group - to support the Chief Executive in issue assessment, management strategy development and implementation, to include overall strategy management and review, risk strategy - assessment and contingency, recording and logging.

Meeting dates – The Officer group met 11 times, from 27th February 2008 to 14th March. The Chief Minister's Advisory Group met 10 times from 28th February to 12th March. No such meetings are currently taking place but future meetings may be called should circumstances change.