WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2010

Question

In the light of the Chief Minister's statement that he believes that the findings of the Wiltshire Report fully endorse the decision to suspend the previous Chief Officer of Police, can the Minister:

- (a) provide members with the press statements released by the States of Jersey Police relating to any one of the major elements disputed during the Haut de la Garenne inquiry, in order, and the full recordings of audio and video interviews?
- (b) provide members with the 93 page statement provided by the former Chief of Police to the Wiltshire inquiry?
- (c) supply evidence for the assertion that ACPO had a "policy of only making recommendations to which [the then Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer of Police] had signalled prior approval?
- (d) provide a full and proper audit trail of the emails concerning the finds JAR/6 and SLJ/1?
- (e) provide members with the final version of the Wiltshire Report, redacted as necessary but with as much as possible of the missing 270 pages, which the Minister promised to issue to me by "early September" in his email of 3rd August 2010?

Answer

- (a) I have previously indicated to the Deputy of St Mary that I am not going to do this. The press statements are in the public domain and the Deputy of St Mary should do his own research.
- (b) I would only do this if asked so to do by the previous Chief Officer and even then the statement would need to be redacted to remove reference to individuals who are not public facing.
- (c) I have previously indicated that I will not be releasing the statements of witnesses who were interviewed by the Wiltshire Police or other evidence.
- (d) I do not understand what is meant by "audit trails of e-mails". However, this appears to also be referring to statements or other evidence.
- (e) I have planned to do this but the task is extensive and has been delayed by work on the CSR process and by other work pressures upon the individuals who are completing the redaction process on my behalf. I have reminded them of this task and will continue to do so. The date of September 2010 was the date given to me but has proved to be unachievable.