

STATES OF JERSEY



COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF MRS. ELIZABETH ROURKE (P.76/2009): COMMENTS

Presented to the States on 29th June 2009
by the Minister for Treasury and Resources

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COMMENTS

The Minister for Treasury and Resources is required, under Standing Order 150(c), to give directions on how the expenses of a Committee of Inquiry should be funded. As the Minister for Health and Social Services points out in her comment, the costs associated with this report and proposition could be significant. If the proposition were to be adopted the options for funding would be –

- Absorb within the Health and Social Services cash limit;
- Increase States expenditure in 2009 via an Article 11(8) request;
- Increase States expenditure in 2010 via an amendment to the Annual Business Plan.

The Minister for Treasury and Resources is concerned that the proposition requests that the investigation by Verita should be terminated. The Health and Social Services Department has already spent £190,000 on this investigation and would be committed to a further £60,000 (representing one month's written notice) if the contract was cancelled. The total cost of cancellation would therefore be £250,000 for which no report will have been received.