

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **HISTORICAL CHILD ABUSE: REQUEST TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (P.19/2011) – COMMENTS**

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by the Minister for Treasury and Resources**

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## COMMENTS

Senator Le Gresley is correct to state in his report and proposition that there are no financial implications as a direct result of it. However, should the proposition be carried, the requirement for the Council of Ministers to reconsider their decision would seem to imply an expectation that a Committee of Inquiry be pursued. The financial consequences of such a route are considerable – estimated at anywhere from £3 million to £10 million by the Council of Ministers. The comments provided separately by the Council of Ministers clearly indicate that any benefits to be derived from a Committee of Inquiry may not justify the financial costs involved – although it is important to stress that the Council of Ministers’ decision was not taken on this basis.

The answer to the Senator’s recent Written Question 6031 clearly indicates that the Criminal Offences Confiscation Fund is not considered by the Attorney General likely to be suitable as a source of funding for any potential Committee of Inquiry.