2.14 The Deputy of St. Martin of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the staffing choices of the new Chief Executive Officer for Health and Social Services:

Will the new Chief Executive Officer of the Health and Social Services have the ability to choose her own team, as was stated in the initial advert for the job?

The Deputy of Trinity (The Minister for Health and Social Services):

I am very pleased with the appointment of the new Chief Executive Officer for Health and Social Services. After a necessary settling-in period the new Chief Officer will be in a very strong position to work with the senior management team and other staff to lead the service forward into the future. There will be some restructuring, as part of the Verita Report and the Williamson Report and there will be some new posts and replacement posts, and yes, she will have a role in that to play.

2.14.1 The Deputy of St. Martin:

Will the Chief Officer she is going to appoint be replacing any of those who were not seen to be acting in a favourable way by the Verita Report?

The Deputy of Trinity:

I would not like to pre-empt any specific actions ahead of her arrival in Jersey. I have great faith in the present management team and I know - as I have spoken to her - she is looking forward to working with everyone in the hospital and in Health and Social Services.

2.14.2 The Deputy of St. Martin:

Can I just press the Minister to ask how many new appointments are likely to follow this appointment of the Chief Officer? How many new members will she bring into her team? Will there be additional expense?

The Deputy of Trinity:

As advertised and mentioned in the insurance plan as part of Williamson implementation we will be looking for a Director of Social Services and now we are going to be looking at a Hospital Director to make sure the hospital works well in that way. There will be more strategic planning to enable her to do more strategic planning, and there is an imminent retirement of a Medical Director and so that position will need to be replaced.