

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

5. Deputy G.W.J. de Faye:

I wish to take this opportunity, Sir, to apologise to Deputy Kevin Lewis for any embarrassment he may have suffered as a result of my response to an oral question posed by the Deputy during the last meeting of the States. Members will recall that I made a forthright and robust response to the Deputy's question relating to safety at La Collette II. I have since had correspondence, and indeed discussion, with Deputy Lewis on that exchange and it is clear to me now that the Deputy feels that the tone of my reply was both condescending and insulting. I would like to emphasise that it was not my intention to insult the Deputy and I regret if I was perceived to have acted in a condescending manner toward him. However, the Deputy does clearly feel aggrieved and, accordingly, I would like to say that I am sorry for that, Deputy. **[Applause]**

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

May I respond?

The Bailiff:

You do not have a right of response, Deputy. No. It is a personal statement.