

2.2 Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré of St. Lawrence of the President of the Chairmen's Committee regarding travel and entertainment expenses incurred by the Public Accounts Committee and the Scrutiny Panels in 2009:

Would the President undertake to produce a brief annual report setting out all travel and entertainment expenses incurred by the Public Accounts Committee and the Scrutiny Panels for 2009 and annually thereafter to mirror the report that is now published annually by the Chief Minister in relation to the expenses of Ministers and Assistant Ministers?

Senator B.E. Shenton (President, Chairmen's Committee):

Yes, we shall ensure that this is done.

2.2.1 Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade:

Will the Chairman be ensuring that information is still provided to the public for the added value provided by Scrutiny to transparent and open government and the role it plays to achieve this?

Senator B.E. Shenton:

Yes, we will be looking at the annual report of the panels to make sure that all the information is in there.

2.2.2 The Deputy of St. John:

Would the Chairman not agree that Scrutiny and P.P.C. (Privileges and Procedures Committee) always have an open book policy and, therefore, in doing so - unlike some of the Ministries - we are more than welcome to be scrutinised? **[Laughter]**

Senator B.E. Shenton:

I would certainly agree with the Member.

The Bailiff:

I thought it was just Ministers who bowled friendly balls at each other. **[Laughter]** It appears Scrutiny have acquired this art as well. Very well, we then move on to question 3 which the Deputy of Grouville will ask of the Minister for Social Security.