

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO H.M. ATTORNEY GENERAL
BY SENATOR B.E. SHENTON
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 13th JULY 2009**

Question

“Would H.M. Attorney General advise whether he would consider investigating the establishment of a system whereby defendants would contribute towards prosecution costs, where appropriate and taking into account ability to pay, in respect of successful Magistrate’s Court prosecutions?”

Answer

I agree this is a matter which could be usefully reviewed, and I will do that in consultation with the Solicitor General, the Court Service, the Minister for Treasury & Resources and the Public Accounts Committee