

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY J.A. MARTIN OF ST. HELIER**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4th APRIL 2006

1. Did any consultation take place regarding the arrangements for the functions of the former Legislation Committee in the ministerial system and, if so, who was involved, were any supporting papers produced and, if so, can these be made available to members?
2. Who approached the States Members who have been asked to sit on the Legislation Advisory Panel?
3. Will the Panel have a budget and, if so, where will it come from, how is the provision of a Committee Clerk to be funded, has it been confirmed with both H.M. Attorney General and the Law Draftsman that they have time to attend Panel meetings and, if not, will there be a need to employ more staff?

Answer

1. Yes, consultation took place between the former Policy and Resources Committee and the Legislation Committee on this matter, together with H.M. Attorney General, and I would be willing to make the relevant minutes and supporting papers available to members.
2. The proposed members of the Legislation Advisory Panel were approached by the Chairman of the Panel, the Connétable of St. Ouen, and these nominations have my full support.
3. Yes, the Panel will have a budget and this will come from the budget for the Chief Minister's Department. In addition, the States Greffe will provide a Committee Clerk to support the Panel, and provision has been made for this in the Greffe's budget. H.M. Attorney General and the Law Draftsman will be invited to attend all meetings of the Advisory Panel, and will have time to do so as and when necessary. For the avoidance of doubt, I can confirm that it will not be necessary to employ additional staff.