WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 13th MARCH 2007

Question

Will the Chief Minister inform members when the improved offer for the 2006 and 2007 pay awards was made to teachers' representatives, whether it was authorised by the States Employment Board, and, if so, whether all members of the Board were present?

Answer

The improved offer for the 2006 and 2007 pay awards was made to teachers' representatives at a meeting on 8th February 2007 and in writing on 9th February.

The decision to make the same improved offer to all pay groups (apart from Police and Prison Officers, who had already settled their 2006/07 awards following discussions with the Board during 2006) was indeed authorised by the States Employment Board, with all members present at the meeting. Teachers were not singled out as a pay group in this decision, and nor was any other pay group.