

2.6 Deputy R.G. Le Hérrissier of the Chief Minister regarding the introduction of a system of Green and White Papers:

Would the Chief Minister advise Members when the system of *Green* and *White Papers* will be introduced?

Senator F.H. Walker (The Chief Minister):

A system, based on the U.K. model of *Green* and *White Consultation Papers*, was developed originally by the Policy and Resources Committee and came into effect in December 2005, with the introduction of the Ministerial system. These arrangements are described in the report on public consultation, R.C.82/2005, that was presented to the States on 25th October 2005. At that time, the consultation papers were identified as discussion and draft policy papers, but it has since been decided to call these *Green and White Papers*, as this terminology is more generally recognised by the public. Eight discussion papers were published in 2006 and 17 draft policy papers. So far in 2007, a total of 6 *Green Papers* have been published.

2.6.1 Deputy R.G. Le Hérrissier:

Can I therefore, Sir, infer from that that all departments will be adopting this practice and, certainly, at the *Green Paper* stage - as was discussed by the Deputy for St. Brelade just now - all Scrutiny Panels will be brought into the process at the *Green Paper* stage?

Senator F.H. Walker:

Yes, Sir, as always, intended.