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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12TH JULY 2016

Question

Will the Minister undertake to ask the Police to publish a copy of the redacted response of the former Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police to the Wiltshire Report on the States of Jersey Police website next to the Wiltshire Report, given that it has been placed on the Independent Care Inquiry website, and if not, why not?

Answer

The former Chief of Police has given evidence to the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry which covered the Wiltshire Report and his response to it. As part of that evidence he exhibited Exhibit GP1 a very detailed statement which he provided in 2009 to Brian Moore, the Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police, as part of Operation Haven, which was a disciplinary enquiry into the discharge of his role as Chief Officer in relation to Operation Rectangle. Where matters stated within Exhibit GP1 were relevant to his evidence to the Inquiry, and within his understanding of its Terms of Reference, he repeated the information, or referenced it appropriately. He also previously produced two Affidavits, Exhibit GP2 (dated 5 January 2009) and Exhibit GP3, as part of a Judicial Review application he pursued against the decision to suspend him from the SOJP in 2008. Again, he referenced or repeated information from those Affidavits in his statement where appropriate.

This information is already in the public domain, available on the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry Website. I will not, therefore, be asking the Police to publish a copy on the States of Jersey Police website for two reasons. Firstly, it is already in the public domain and secondly, it represents the views of the former Chief of Police and is not a report commissioned by the States of Jersey Police.