

2.1 Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier of the Chief Minister regarding whether any evaluation of risk for emergency planning purposes has taken place following the experiences learned from the recent Buncefield incident:

May I ask the Chief Minister what evaluation of risk for emergency planning purposes, if any, has taken place following the experiences learned from the recent Buncefield incident, in particular relating to the siting of a number of industrial processes at La Collette in close proximity to the existing fuel storage facilities?

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

The incident which occurred at Buncefield in December 2005 is the subject of an investigation by the UK authorities and this investigation is being overseen by an independent board. To date, the board has published 3 progress reports, the third of which was released on 9th May. I am advised that this latest report is presently being reviewed by the Health and Safety Inspectorate of the Social Security Department. The fuel farm at La Collette is designed to current safety standards and I can assure the Deputy that the outcome of the Buncefield investigation will be thoroughly reviewed by the Emergency Planning Officer. The Emergency Planning Officer will be working with relevant States' Departments to assess whether there are any lessons to be learnt from the incident which can be applied to La Collette.

Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire:

I thank the Chief Minister for his response