

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 15th MARCH 2011**

Question

Given the need for openness and transparency across government currently being highlighted by the successful requests for information about exam results, can the Minister confirm that the following are available to States members and to the public –

- (a) the Agendas and Minutes and supporting papers of the Fisheries and Marine Resources Panel?
- (b) the Agendas and Minutes and supporting papers of the Ramsar Management Authority?

and if they are available, state where they can be found, and if they are not available, could he explain why not?

Answer

The Minister is fully committed to openness and transparency within his Department. Both the Fisheries and Marine Resources Panel and the Ramsar Management Authority function by wide Government and stakeholder engagement. States Members, Departments, Parishes and a wide range of stakeholder groups are represented on these bodies. Details of membership can be found on the States website. Ramsar Management Authority meetings are also open to the general public.

The minutes of the Fisheries and Marine Resources Panel are available on the States website and agendas and minutes of the Ramsar Management Authority are also available on the States website.

The Fisheries and Marine Resources Panel documents can be found at the following page

<http://www.gov.je/Government/Departments/PlanningEnvironment/AdvisoryGroups/Pages/FisheriesManagement.aspx>

The Ramsar information can be found at the following page

<http://www.gov.je/Environment/ProtectingEnvironment/SeaCoast/Pages/Ramsar.aspx>