

2.10 The Deputy of St. Martin of the Chief Minister regarding the confidential e-mail he sent to the Deputy of St. Martin on 27th September 2010 under the heading ‘Napier’:

Will the Chief Minister assist Members when debating proposition P.166 of 2010 by agreeing to release the confidential e-mail he sent to the Deputy of St. Martin at 21:03 on Monday, 27th September 2010, with the heading “Napier”? If not, why not?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur (The Chief Minister):

The e-mail to which the Deputy of St. Martin refers was marked “Confidential” as it contained the name of a States employee. In line with normal practice, individual employees are not named and I see no reason why I should break this principle, and therefore will not agree to the release of this e-mail. Before the Deputy went on leave in September, I advised him that I would be considering whether there were any issues arising from the Napier Report that warranted disciplinary proceedings being instigated. My e-mail to the Deputy on 27th September 2010 set out my position, having considered the Napier Report, and I do not see anything contained in that e-mail that would add to the debate.

2.10.1 The Deputy of St. Martin:

I think that most Members are speculating as to what was in that e-mail. Will the Minister confirm that the contents of his e-mail was to inform me that he had come to the conclusion to take positive action on the matter which was very much the subject of public speculation?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur:

I have said that the content of the e-mail remains confidential. I have said that my e-mail set out my position, having considered the report.

2.10.2 The Deputy of St. Martin:

In previous questions regarding disciplinary action being taken against those involved with suspension against the former Police Chief, the Minister has been overly coy in giving straight answers to straight questions. In light of the question this morning, will the Chief Minister inform Members what action, if any, he is taking against those involved in the suspension of the former Chief Police Officer?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur:

Again, I made it quite clear that any matters of that nature remain confidential between the parties concerned.

2.10.3 Deputy T.M. Pitman:

Could the Chief Minister confirm, in line with confidentiality, that the e-mail was not about the Chief Executive Officer?

The Deputy Bailiff:

The Chief Minister has already indicated that he regards this e-mail as being confidential and that he is not going to answer further questions on it. We are moving on to the next question.