

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY 2004
BY DEPUTY G.P.SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER**

Question

On 21st October 2003 the States agreed that funds for free school milk should be inscribed in the Committee's budget and ring fenced for this purpose for the years 2004 and 2005. Would the President explain to members what action, if any, the Committee has taken as part of the Fundamental Spending Review process to implement this decision?

Answer

The States, on 21st October 2003 –

- (i) agreed that the cost of the provision of free school milk should continue to be met from public funds for the years 2003, 2004 and 2005;
- (ii) requested the Finance and Economics Committee to identify the appropriate source of funding for the remainder of 2003; and,
- (iii) agreed that funds for this provision should be inscribed in the budget of the Economic Development Committee, and ring-fenced for this purpose, for the years 2004 and 2005.

The Finance and Economics Committee has agreed to provide funding in the sum of £184,000 for 2004 and the Economic Development Committee has submitted a growth bid in the sum of £184,000 within the Fundamental Spending Review (FSR) process for 2005. The outcome of the FSR will not be known until after the Presidents' decision conference on 17th, 18th and 19th March 2004.