

5.1 Deputy M. Tadier of the Chairman, Privileges and Procedures Committee regarding action to be taken following the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry in relation to Deputy A.D. Lewis of St. Helier:

Further to the finding of the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry (R.59/2017) that Deputy A.D. Lewis of St. Helier “lied to both the States and to us” (paragraph 10.42), what action will the Privileges and Procedures Committee be taking, if any, in relation to this matter and, if no action is proposed, why not?

The Connétable of St. Clement (Chairman, Privileges and Procedures Committee):

I can advise the Deputy that the matter will be dealt with in accordance with the appropriate Standing Orders in relation to elected Members’ code of conduct. I have asked for this to be placed on the P.P.C. agenda for our next scheduled meeting, next week.

5.1.1 Deputy M. Tadier:

Was it not the case that a member of the public, last year, did raise this very issue with P.P.C.? They said that they had concerns that Deputy Lewis had lied to the States Assembly and asked P.P.C. to look at it back then. If that is the case - and will the Chairman confirm that - what was the answer that the Privileges and Procedures Committee gave to that individual?

The Connétable of St. Clement:

An individual did raise a matter suggesting that Deputy Lewis had been untruthful in the States. But, of course, under Standing Orders we could not deal with that, as a complaint made against a Member under the code of conduct for comments made in the States has to be made by a States Member.

The Deputy Bailiff:

I can afford you a final supplementary, Deputy, unless there are other persons wishing to ask questions.

Deputy M. Tadier:

Just the one?

The Deputy Bailiff:

Well, yes, a final supplementary. That is the way we proceeded if this question had been brought within question time.

5.1.2 Deputy M. Tadier:

That is fine. Can the Chairman confirm whether he has taken any soundings, either back when the original complaint was made, or recently, as to whether, or not, the finding by the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry may also involve perjury and a criminal offence insofar as ...

The Deputy Bailiff:

Deputy, those matters do not lie within the realm of responsibility of the Chairman of P.P.C. Those would be matters of a criminal nature.

Deputy M. Tadier:

It may be germane, insofar as if the Chairman has not considered ... he may need to consider whether it is a criminal matter in order whether P.P.C. can deal with it because ...

The Deputy Bailiff:

Well I think as you have made that observation, I do not think you can take the matter any further. It is clearly not within the area of responsibility to talk about matters that may, or may not, occur outside the Assembly.