WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 5th JULY 2011

Question

Could the Minister give details of the reasons for the delay in responding to P.21/2011 'Importation of fireworks in 2007 for a charity event: investigation', which the Assembly was advised would be circulated by June 2011, and advise when the Assembly can expect the response to be released?

Answer

The report is a detailed document comprising inputs from the Ministers for Home Affairs, Planning and Environment, and Economic Development.

These inputs are supported by a significant number of appendices including correspondence between the event organiser; the pyrotechnics owners and States of Jersey Officers and Ministers. Drawing together the diverse range of documents in their hard copy state and formulating a report which contains sufficient information to limit the need or requests for secondary information has taken longer than was anticipated. As a result of collating the volume of information together, the resulting report will be in excess of 250 pages, which will ensure a thorough examination of the chain of events.

The report is now nearing completion and will be circulated to members following final approval from the sponsoring Ministers. It is anticipated that it will be available to States Members in July.