

3.7 Deputy S. Power of the Minister for Economic Development regarding the status of the OXERA study on trade links with France:

Would the Minister inform members of the current status of the OXERA study on trade links with France that was commissioned last year by the former Economic Development Committee?

Senator P.F.C. Ozouf (The Minister for Economic Development):

I am pleased to advise that the first draft of the report has been formulated and is currently being reviewed by the Economic Adviser and OXERA. The report will be available for publication in the next few weeks.

3.7.1 Deputy S. Power:

Could I ask a supplementary question of the Minister? Can I ask the Minister to confirm that the first draft was sent to his department last February, and that in the intervening period, could he confirm to the House what is the delay in producing the final version?

Senator P.F.C. Ozouf:

I think the Deputy meant 'last' as in February 2006. I repeat, the first draft is being reviewed by the Economic Adviser and by OXERA, and I am to receive my first copy in the forthcoming number of days.

3.7.2 Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier:

Will the Minister answer the question? How long has he had this draft report?

Senator P.F.C. Ozouf:

The Minister has not had the report. The Economic Adviser and OXERA have the first draft; the Minister has not got his first report.