QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE, (in his capacity as Vice-Chairman of the Emergencies Council), ON TUESDAY 16th MARCH 2004, BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN

Question

Will the President inform members of the current position regarding the review of the Emergency Measures Plan he referred to in response to a question asked on 25th November 2003, and when a new Emergency Plan will be available in view of the concerns expressed about a possible extension to the Flamanville nuclear power plant?

Answer

Yes, the existing Emergency Measures Plan was last updated in April 2003. The Plan is subject to a continuing process of review and reassessment, and is currently being revised with a view to issuing an updated Emergency Measures Plan Part 1 in May 2004.

As I noted in my response of 25th November 2003, the Emergency Measures Plan is a classified document, and there are no plans to make the updated version generally available. However, I can assure the Deputy of St. John that the Emergency Measures Plan does make provision for dealing with a possible nuclear incident on the Cotentin peninsula, and any decision by the French authorities to increase nuclear activities at Flamanville would be taken into account in future reviews of the Emergency Measures Plan.