

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
BY DEPUTY T.M. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2010**

**Question**

“Will the Chief Minister clarify whether the recently departed Chief Officer of Health and Social Services received any additional monies/severance bonus payments outside of his contractual entitlement, and, if any such payments were made, did this come from the public purse and what was the total amount?”

Would the Chief Minister also clarify whether the former Chief Officer of Health and Social Services resigned, was invited to resign, was dismissed or left by ‘mutual agreement’ in the light of the Verita Report findings?”

**Answer**

Given that the arrangements concerning the resignation of the previous Chief Officer of the Health and Social Services Department were incorporated in a confidential agreement, I am not able to answer these questions. I am able to reassure the Assembly that the Health and Social Services Minister, the Treasury and Resources Minister and I were kept fully informed of how the matter was handled.