

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 21st MAY 2019**

Question

Further to the response to Written Question 197/2019, will the Minister advise what action, if any, was taken to encourage the named and anonymous witnesses to the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry to come forward to give their evidence to the States of Jersey Police in the case of the alleged physical abuse at Les Chênes children's home?

Answer

I refer to my earlier response to Q197/2019 which addressed this issue.

Following commencement of Operation Whistle in June 2015, the States of Jersey Police provided frequent and regular public updates via the media and social media platforms. These updates always included information for victims of non-recent abuse to either contact the police directly or via a third party e.g. Crime Stoppers. This practice continues today.

As I indicated in my previous response, 60 new victims have come forward since June 2015 (including circa 15 live investigations), which demonstrates trust and confidence in Jersey's Criminal Justice System.