

**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE COMMITTEE *FOR* HOME AFFAIRS  
TO QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE  
RULES OF PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY P J ROFFEY**

- 1. Now that consultants have identified possible savings of £600,000 per year by the merger of Guernsey's Fire Brigade and Road Ambulance Service will the Committee *for* Home Affairs agree to work with the Committee *for* Health and Social Care on an urgent review of this possibility?**

It should be noted that the figure of £600,000 potential saving quoted in the PWC Report, in relation to the merger of the Fire and Ambulance Services does not take account of the risks involved in the change of management structure, support functions and shared facilities, the substantial investment required, estimated to be around £6.1 million, the cost benefit to the Health Service, nor of any "payback times" in relation to investment.

As resolution 1 of Article 16, Billet d'Etat III of 2016 has now been rescinded and responsibility for the budgetary and non-clinical oversight of the St John Ambulance Service has reverted back to the Committee *for* Health and Social Care, the Committee *for* Home Affairs, would welcome further discussion with that Committee in relation to any such review if it was considered to be of merit. Members of the Committee *for* Home Affairs have already met twice with Members from the Committee *for* Health and Social Care in relation to the future of the Ambulance Service and will continue to work closely with them.

- 2. Will the Committee *for* Home Affairs further agree to report to the States, ideally jointly with the Committee *for* Health and Social Care, on the cases for and against such a merger together with their recommendations thereon?**

The extant resolution 2 of Article 16, Billet d'Etat II of 2016, requires the Committee *for* Health and Social Care to return to the States with Policy Letters proposing more detailed arrangements. As stated in the answer to question 1 above, the Committee *for* Home Affairs will continue to work closely with the Committee *for* Health and Social Care if that Committee considers revisiting the decision not to merge the two Services.

The cost of preparing this response has been calculated at approximately £200.