

## QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 11 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

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<b>To</b>	President, States' Trading Supervisory Board
<b>Subject</b>	St Saviours Reservoir
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The St Saviours reservoir has been cut off from public drinking water supplies after a pollution incident which has been linked to the use of herbicides at the airport.

Guernsey Water was to investigate the source of the chemicals and determine the levels in the water.

### **Question 1**

Stream samples taken from the St Saviours reservoir area and Kings Mills' water treatment works have been reported to show abnormal high levels of two herbicides, MCPA and Mecoprop, while samples taken from St Saviours water treatment works also showed trace levels. As the chemicals are known to be toxic, what range of levels of MCPA and Mecoprop, are in the raw and treated water and what are the regulated UK permitted levels?

### **Question 2**

The chemical spill may have been caused by the application of approved herbicides for weed control under an established part of the Wildlife and Habitat Management Programme at the airport. Can a copy of the Airport Management Programme be obtained, and who is managing it, applying the chemicals and paying for it?

### **Question 3**

Why are these toxic chemicals being applied when alternatives are available and, given the significant risk to human health and wildlife, would the States' Trading Supervisory Board encourage the Airport authority to stop applying these chemicals and instead use land management techniques other than chemical controls.