

REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR HOME AFFAIRS TO QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY G ST PIER

QUESTION:

"In June 2021, the UK Government published 'The end-to-end rape review report on findings and actions'. This commenced in March 2019 and looked at evidence across the system – from reporting to the police to outcomes in court – in order to understand what was happening in cases of adult rape and serious sexual offences being charged, prosecuted and convicted in England and Wales. What, if any, actions are being taken in response to the recommendations in that review that have local application? If any actions are being taken, on what indicative timeframes?"

ANSWER:

The Committee is grateful to Deputy St Pier for his question and providing it with the opportunity to give an update on the actions it is taking in relation to the End-to-End Rape Review Report ("the Report"), having met with him earlier this year to discuss the Report.

The Committee has considered the Report on two occasions: initially last year having consulted with its relevant Service Area Leads on how the recommendations/issues raised in the Report relate to the Bailiwick and secondly at the beginning of this year, with Deputy St Pier attending, to consider the actions following the Report.

The broad themes of the recommendations/issues raised in the Report which apply to the Bailiwick centre on Data and Victims, both of which are highlighted in the Justice Review Report¹ and the draft Justice Framework which is due to be considered by the States later this year.

The Committee has agreed that as part of the work arising from the Justice Framework Action Plan, it will:

- a. Consider how to progress the recommendation in the draft Justice Action Plan regarding data collection and analysis including:
 - i. consideration of how to capture victims' feedback;
 - ii. consideration of how to capture data in order to ascertain who sexual assault victims are locally
 - iii. carry out a needs assessment to map the support required locally for sexual assault victims

¹ Billet d'État XV of 2020 - Justice Review Report

- b. Consider opportunities for producing a series of user-friendly guides for victims of rape and sexual assault and a "digital walkthrough" of the criminal justice system;
- c. Consider what the UK Early Investigative Advice (EIA) process entails and what learning and development is needed locally;
- d. Consider training around rape myths and trauma informed practice.

In relation to indicative timeframes for those actions, it is noted that the Justice Framework is a States' priority included in the Government Work Plan. The Committee notes that the actions identified from the Report will need to be prioritised and resourced alongside the other actions sitting underneath the Justice Framework Action Plan.