REPLY BY THE MINISTER OF THE HOME DEPARTMENT TO A QUESTION ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY ELIS BEBB

Question

1. I've been advised that your department has commissioned a report into the services offered by the Guernsey Women's Refuge. Please would you confirm that this is correct.

Answer

The Home Department commissioned a review of the services provided by the Guernsey Women's Refuge in March 2013. A report relating to the review was finalised in May 2013.

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2. If the above is correct, please would you consider the publication of that report.

Answer

The Home Department is currently progressing the completion of a service level agreement with the Guernsey Women's Refuge (GWR) which has started implementing some of the recommendations of the review. The Department will publish the review on its website on completion of those negotiations. It is hoped that this will be completed by the end of October 2013. Until that time the Department has agreed with GWR that copies of the review can be made available to individual States Members upon request, however until the Department has established a service level agreement for refuge provision with GWR, it asks that the review is used for information purposes only and not promulgated to a wider audience at this time.

Date of Receipt of the Question: 19th September 2013

Date of Reply: 2nd October 2013