



Press Release

MANAGEMENT AND MEMBERS' STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF KEYS

The Management and Members' Standards Committee of the House of Keys composed of Mr D M Anderson (Glenfaba), Mr J D Q Cannan (Michael) and Mr Q B Gill (Rushen) has been examining two references to the Committee as follows:-

- by Mrs B J Cannell (Douglas East), Mr P A Gawne (Rushen), Mr J R Houghton (Douglas North), Mr P Karran (Onchan) and Mr R E Quine (Ayre), supported by Mr R W Henderson (Douglas North):

"Further to the finding of the Commission of Inquiry into Mount Murray (at page 133 of its Part One Report) that, on 7th April 1992, the Hon Member for Ramsey, Mr Bell, knowingly misled the House of Keys:-

(1) whether the making of the Hon Member's statement (of 7th April 1992) may be treated as a contempt; and

(2) what disciplinary action should be taken in this matter."

- by Hon A R Bell:

"to examine and report on the conclusion at paragraph 11.134 of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Mount Murray that I knowingly misled the House in the circumstances there described".

The Committee have now concluded the taking of public evidence and are preparing their Report, which it is hoped will be available for the first sitting of the House of Keys in the new Session taking place on 28th October 2003. If that timetable is possible, the Report will be with Members of the House of Keys on Wednesday 22nd October, and will therefore be available publicly on Thursday 23rd October at 2.30 p.m.

If there is any delay in this timetable, an announcement will be made; subject to that, there will be no further comment pending release of the Report.

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