

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE, PRESENCE OF MINISTERS

39. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the Leader of the House:

Does the leader agree that answering members' questions is an important function in the Parliament? If he does agree, will he ensure that in future ministers are present to answer questions?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I agree that answering questions is an important function to ensure openness and accountability in the parliamentary process. I assure the member that this Government will honour that commitment at least to the same degree the former Government did.