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Scrutiny toughens up for 2010

States Members and officers involved in Scrutiny gathered for a conference on 14th January, to discuss progress to date and a vision for the future.

Senator Ben Shenton, President of the Scrutiny Chairmen's Committee, said:

'There were several positive outcomes from this workshop. While assessing our progress over the past few years, we have been very realistic about what has and hasn't worked in scrutiny so far. The work of the Scrutiny Panels has already resulted in beneficial changes in Ministerial policies, but we believe we can go further. We will become more persistent in following up reports and ensuring that our recommendations are implemented - both as Panels and as individuals on the floor of the States Chamber. Any unsatisfactory answers and unnecessary delays from the executive will no longer be accepted. We also will be evaluating the Scrutiny Code of Practice in order to ensure we are as effective as possible.'

Scrutiny will also continue to build on recent positive publicity to promote their reviews, taking full advantage of the latest social networking technology in order to engage the public and gather vital evidence. Scrutiny already has a Facebook page, which provides links to the latest reviews, news, meeting dates and interactive online surveys - www.facebook.com/scrutinyjersey - and a new website is imminent.

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