

## **Ashley Select Committee – Tabling Speech**

Mr President I don't intend to spend a great deal of time on this speech as the previous Honorable Members have done a terrific job outlining many of the recommendations of the Committee's Report.

I would however like to begin by thanking all those that contributed via interviews and other correspondence and congratulate them on being part of a consultative process that resulted in the findings and recommendations in the report. This is democracy at its best and I sincerely hope that we get a similar response from the community with the Affordable Housing Select Committee.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Legislative Council staff who have helped the Committee, they have all worked tirelessly and professionally and without their skill and dedication we wouldn't have been able to produce such a thorough report.

Mr President it is of course a shame that no Honorable Member from the Government decided to sit on this important committee but I hope that they will demonstrate their concern by reading the report from cover to cover and encourage fellow PLP members to back the recommendations contained within.

Mr President I would like to touch briefly on 3 areas found in the report, namely;

- The education and training of residents
- Alternative sentencing and
- Children in remand.