

## **STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION**

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The Opposition notes that there has been renewed comment in the media regarding the allegations of the treatment of persons with disability whilst in the care of the Social Services Agency.

These issues have resurfaced periodically on a number of occasions but have been there since before 2005.

In 2005 they were brought to the attention of the Agency by a senior employee whose employment contract was subsequently terminated, and has been the subject of a complaint of unfair dismissal since this happened two years ago.

In the intervening two years, the Agency engaged private legal representatives, not to defend itself against the complaint of unfair dismissal, but to seek to prevent the case from being heard. They argued that employees of the Agency were not deemed to have worked for 52 weeks unless the first week of employment commenced on a Sunday and the last week of employment ended on a Saturday.