

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 18TH JULY 2017**

Question

Further to the answers to Questions 9569 and 9570 tabled on 13th September 2016, could the Chief Minister now provide full answers to both questions and, if he is still unable to provide complete answers, could he explain the reasons for the delay and why the research work required to provide both answers has not been prioritised?

Answer

The Economics Unit started work this year on modelling the long-term trends in States revenue and expenditure under different scenarios of inward migration and economic performance. It is planned that this work will also consider the net fiscal contribution of different types of migration employed in different economic sectors.

Future trends in health expenditure are being updated to properly reflect the business case for the new hospital. This modelling and analysis is an important component of the work we are undertaking.

It is anticipated that the health expenditure information will be available in the final quarter of this year and that the Economics Unit will complete its work as soon as possible. This will inform the development of the long-term plan and the next strategic plan.

This work will go some way to providing the type of information the Deputy requested while also making it relevant to long-term planning. However, as pointed out in the previous answers to Questions 9569 and 9570, it will not be possible to provide all the detailed information that the Deputy requested.