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6 Deputy G.P. Southern of the Chief Minister regarding the consideration given by the Council of Ministers to the response of the States Employment Board's chief negotiator to 'Consolidated Fund: increase in States expenditure' (P.20/2019): [OQ.88/2019]

Will the Chief Minister state on how many occasions the Council of Ministers has debated the response of the States Employment Board's chief negotiator to the potential acceptance by the Assembly of P.20/2019 and will he state what the Council's position is in respect of any decision reached by the Assembly on that proposition?

Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré (The Chief Minister):

The Council of Ministers has considered this proposition on 3 occasions and on none of those occasions has it discussed the position of the chief negotiator. As I said earlier, we also need to consider our whole community when we make this decision and that means balancing the needs of the 55,000 roughly private sector workers and other taxpayers on our Island against the needs, or desires, of our own workers. But, nevertheless, if the proposition is approved, and that will be a matter we shall, no doubt, determine either today or tomorrow, I would firmly expect Ministers to move forward, honouring the decision of the Assembly.

Deputy G.P. Southern:

I think that that answer meets my needs, thank you.

Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré:

Can I have that recorded, Sir, please?

The Deputy Bailiff:

Hansard will be available in due course.