

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 5th JULY 2021  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 12th JULY 2021**

**Question**

In relation to medicinal cannabis, will the Chief Minister explain –

- (a) how cross-departmental activity relating to the cultivation of medicinal cannabis is currently co-ordinated by Ministers across the Government; and
- (b) whether any consideration has been given to establishing a Political Oversight Group to coordinate the licensing of medicinal cannabis and the development of policy and guidelines concerning its cultivation and, if so, why no such Group has been established?

**Answer**

- a) The diversification of the rural economy is a key policy area within the Rural Economy Strategy (RES) which has been endorsed by the States Assembly, led by the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (with whom political responsibility lies). The establishment and regulation of the Island's emergent medicinal cannabis industry is consistent with the RES, but is technically complex and requires a cross-government approach. As such, a Cannabis Coordination Group has been established with officers representing the necessary Govt. Departments including Health and Community Services, Law Officers, Justice and Home Affairs, IHE, Treasury and Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture. Officers on the group report back to their respective Ministers as required. The Council of Ministers have also endorsed an Economic Development Framework for Cannabis Investment in Jersey
- b) Following States Assembly approval at the end of June 2021 to amend the current proceeds of crime legislation and once these amendments are made, Jersey's cannabis investment framework will be established. In the interim, the Minister for EDTSC will be considering the need for a broader Political Oversight Group to oversee the ongoing development of this new sector within the rural economy.