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3.16 Deputy D.J. Warr of the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development regarding Durrell (OQ.80/2024)

Further to recent media coverage regarding Durrell, will the Minister advise what consideration, if any, has been given to the economic and social impact to the Island of Jersey Zoo closing its doors, or Durrell moving from Jersey?

Deputy K.F. Morel (The Minister for Sustainable Economic Development):

To my knowledge, I do not know of any work that has been undertaken to assess that impact. Obviously, it would be a terrible tragedy for the Island were Durrell to close its doors, and I do not think that is how we should be thinking. There is obviously a situation going on within the Trust itself, and it is for the Trust to work that through. I do not think that we should, as an Assembly, be jumping to a conclusion of where that may lead, because I would not like us to add to any of those problems. As a registered charity, the Trust is regulated by the Charities Commissioner; as such, they may possess such data, but we do not.