

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
BY DEPUTY P.V.F. LE CLAIRE OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th APRIL 2010**

Question

“To help and assist the Comprehensive Spending Review, would the Minister provide an organisation chart of his department identifying every post, the post holder’s duties and responsibilities, the salary grade and whether the post is currently filled or vacant and, if possible, if any of these post holders are suspended?”

Answer

The Deputy’s request for the detailed information listed above has not only been directed to the Minister for Planning and Environment but also to the Chief Minister and the Ministers for Treasury and Resources, Social Security and Health and Social Services. Taken together these departments employ some 2960 staff out of a total of some 6000 States’ staff. The Deputy is asking for information to be provided on each one of these posts. That would take a massive amount of time to collate and present in a meaningful format. Such an exercise would take attention away from the work of reviewing efficiency and the effect of potential cuts or transfers of functions.

I understand that the Deputy did not attend the recent CSR workshop where he would have had the opportunity to understand the true nature of the CSR process and the Council of Ministers’ determined objective to reduce States expenditure over the coming years.

Most of the relevant information the Deputy is asking for is included in the Planning and Environment Department’s Business Plan for 2010. The Plan includes an organisation chart and a breakdown of staffing by division with a description of the work of that Division. It also contains the departmental budget and work programmes which set out performance indicators and targets.

With regards to the number of post-holders suspended I refer the Deputy to the detailed answers I believe the Chief Minister addressed this issue earlier this year in response to Question 5174 asked by the Deputy of St Martin.

The Comprehensive Spending Review has all of the necessary information on which to undertake an informed analysis and identify opportunities to cut spending and make efficiencies. If the Deputy reads and analyses the Business plan he should have sufficient information on which to base his judgements.