

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 19th JULY 2010**

**Question**

Given the Assembly's commitment to the diversification of the Island's industries in the Strategic Plan, and the need for new growth areas in these times of economic uncertainty, will the Minister advise if he would support the idea of Vodka production in the Island and, if so, what steps he will take to bring this about?

**Answer**

Yes.

Vodka distillation production would assist diversification and a pilot study to further investigate production and marketing is being funded under the Rural Initiative Scheme.

If the pilot study is successful the applicant would begin commercial production