

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
BY DEPUTY R.G. LE HÉRISSIER OF ST. SAVIOUR
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2012**

Question

When is the internal review into patient travel expenses and related matters currently underway expected to be presented to her, will this be made public and what action, if any, does the Minister intend to take in relation to the findings?

Answer

HSSD Officers are currently reviewing the existing patient travel policy. It is anticipated that, depending on the outcome of the review, an updated policy will be introduced in early 2013.

HSSD recognises that the costs associated with patient travel are a matter of concern for all Islanders. Our updated policy must support those in need of a travel subsidy whilst ensuring appropriate use of public funds for patient care is prioritised.

HSSD will therefore clearly set out both the changes to the policy and the basis on which those changes have been made.