

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
BY DEPUTY S.Y. MÉZEC OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2015**

Question

What progress, if any, has the Minister as shareholder representative made in resolving the Gigabit dispute and, in particular, does he and JT have fresh proposals to deliver the project before the end of 2019 and, if so, at what cost to the stakeholders?

Answer

Deputy Mézec accepted an invitation from JT to gain a better understanding of the progress and challenges of rolling out the Gigabit programme when he toured JT's premises on 17 December 2014. Following this, on 19 January 2015, all States members were then invited to a presentation when progress and challenges of the Gigabit programme were further laid out. A copy of that presentation was provided to all States members via email on 19 January 2015.

As part of that presentation, JT made clear that it required a number of months to work through some difficult and technically challenging issues, following which it would report back to States members.

The Minister intends allowing JT the necessary space and time to complete those ongoing discussions, which involve a renegotiation with suppliers and restructuring of the programme. Until such time as that work is completed, the Minister is not in a position to outline the cost or time impact.