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4.8 Deputy S.Y. Mézec of the Chief Minister regarding reductions in grants to third sector providers:

At the meeting of the States on 1st December 2015 the Chief Minister agreed to produce a list of third sector providers of public services whose States grants had been, or were to be, cut in 2015 and 2016, including the size of the cuts and the reduction or cessation of service that would ensue. Can the Chief Minister produce this data and, if not, why not?

Senator I.J. Gorst (The Chief Minister):

I have asked the Treasury to co-ordinate the information requested at the last sitting and I am informed that this will be provided by the end of this week.

4.8.1 Deputy G.P. Southern:

Can the Minister also provide, as part of that particular piece of information, the progress of the way in which the budgets were cut through this year? Because there were in total 4 announcements of how much was going to be cut, the last one occurred quite recently in the case of one particular third sector provider that I am aware of. I believe it also happened in other cases too.

Senator I.J. Gorst:

Sir, you are being very lenient this afternoon. I assume because it is afternoon. I am not sure how that arises from this question. I think it relates to a written question that the Deputy put to me, which I answered appropriately. Treasury are working on providing the information, which I agreed to at the last States sitting. I am, therefore, to go back and ask them to go back to departments and garner other information - I am not sure that I can commit to the commitment that I have just given. But I can certainly ask them. That will inevitably delay the information.

4.8.2 Deputy G.P. Southern:

The festive season is upon us, we have plenty of time at the moment to get some answers out of the Ministers and consequently respond to them. So it is not a problem for me.

The Bailiff:

I think you are being invited to take longer, Chief Minister. In answer to your question to me, both questions had the word "cut" in it.

Senator I.J. Gorst:

Indeed and they were both questions.