

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

Question

Will the Chief Minister undertake to publish the list of actions proposed by Ministers to address the requirement contained in the Budget 2015 to reduce their budgets by 2% and, if so, when will he do so and, if not, why not?

Answer

During Questions Without Notice on 20th January 2015, I said it would seem reasonable to bring a list of actions proposed by departments to reduce their expected spend by 2% in 2015 to the Assembly “as soon as possible”. I stand by that commitment, but cannot yet say when “as soon as possible” will be.

The work on identifying those actions is ongoing. An early exposure of the options being considered would not be of any benefit given that some of them may not be pursued.

I will also repeat my words of the 20th January, by saying that the important point is that departments should be delivering efficiencies and reducing their spending by the requested 2 % in order to balance their budgets.