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3 Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade of the Chief Minister regarding the recommendations of the Jersey Citizens Panel: (OQ.131/2019)

Does the Chief Minister accept, in full, the 4 key recommendations in the report of the Jersey Citizens Panel 2018 and will he advise whether the panel's recommendations will receive the Government's full support, both politically and financially?

Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré (The Chief Minister):

The short answer is yes. The longer answer is that, obviously, it was considered by the Council of Ministers last year. All 4 recommendations were accepted. It is mainly a memorial, a Jersey Children's Day, help and support for survivors and an emblem. In order to deliver on the recommendations, the Citizens Panel has been reconvened until July 2019 and its further work will be considered by the Council of Ministers later this year.

4.3.1 Deputy M. Tadier:

Can the Minister confirm, particularly in relation to Children's Day, whether, or not, that is going to be up and running for this year? If not, why not?

Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré:

My understanding is that the recommendation is for it to commence from 2020. I would have to go back to the report. The obvious intention is to get it going, as soon as we can, but I think that was the intended timetable.

4.3.2 Deputy M. Tadier:

Can the Minister confirm whether any of the recommendations are dependent on bids being submitted centrally, in order to fund these initiatives where there are cost implications? If so, can he, therefore, give guarantees that the bids will be successful?

Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré:

I do not yet know the quantum of the amount. That is one of the issues we have at the moment in terms of the memorial, for example. But, as a principle, I would be very surprised if the Council of Ministers sought to limit that in any way. The second point I would make is that in the Government Plan figures, that I have seen so far, there are provisions for this type of work, as part of the work that is coming out of the Care Inquiry.