

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th JULY 2019**

**Question**

Further to the presentation of 'Chief Executive Officer: Performance Appraisal' (R.80/2019), is it the Chief Minister's assessment that collection of third-party evidence from 18 respondents is sufficient for such an appraisal and whether accounts should in future be sought from a larger number of sources; and furthermore, is it his assessment that those in senior positions were able to speak freely when providing such evidence, given that they are likely to be accountable to the Chief Executive under the States' new governance system?

**Answer**

I am comfortable that the 18 third-party respondents was sufficient to contribute to the overall report and the work done by the individual contracted to conduct the appraisal. The 18 respondents contained a mixture of key stakeholders.

I sought advice from the independent assessor on the number of people that should be involved, and actually exceeded the number originally suggested.

All respondents replied anonymously to the independent assessor, with the Chief Executive unaware of those who had been contacted and their responses.