

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

Question

Will the Minister list all consultants and consulting firms engaged by his Department between 1st January 2018 and 30th June 2019, specifying the duration and value of the contracts, and confirm whether each consultant / consulting firm was engaged following a competitive tender process or whether alternative quotes from other consultants / consulting firms were sought before each appointment was made?

Answer

Following consideration, Deputy Morel's proposition, which requests increased reporting on consultants, is being accepted by Ministers, including the proposed amended threshold of £20,000 for reporting.

As a consequence, Ministers intend to produce the first report in October 2019, which will extend as far back as practical; and a further report in January 2020 covering July – December, 2019.

This should answer the Deputies question in full, including contract value and duration, and whether it was subject to competitive tendering. As outlined, reporting is also expected to extend beyond consultants to cover other resources, including so-called "interims", whatever the precise contractual arrangements, providing a complete picture.

In the meantime, the full information requested is not available, in light of the time required to compile and verify the data.