

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. MARTIN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 9th MARCH 2020**

Question

Does the Chief Minister intend to organise workshops, symposiums, or similar initiatives, to allow States Members and members of the public to contribute ideas towards the 2021 Government Plan and to provide the Government with a developed understanding of their respective priorities?

Answer

The Government Plan 2020-23 was debated and approved by the States Assembly in December 2019. It sets out income and expenditure for 2020 with forecasts for 2021-23 and describes in detail what the Government will do in 2020 and at a strategic level what it will work towards in 2021 to 2023.

The Government is committed to meaningful consultation and engagement with the public and States Members on policy matters. This is amply evidenced in recent and planned processes such as the Big Education Conversation, Island Plan Review, Let's Talk Trade, Jersey Care Model and (upcoming) the Climate Assembly and citizens' jury on assisted dying – amongst many others. Individual engagement exercises run parallel to, and inform the development of proposals for, future Government Plans.

In addition to consultation and engagement on policy matters, the Government is also committed to working closely with States Members in developing proposals for the Government Plan and does so in various forms, including:

- ongoing individual Ministerial dialogue with States Members and scrutiny panels;
- Policy Development Boards;
- consideration of the findings and recommendations of Scrutiny Panels and others; and
- engaging with Propositions brought to the States Assembly by States Members and others.

Briefings are being arranged for Scrutiny on the proposed process leading-up to the lodging of the Government Plan at the beginning of September and we look forward to discussing the best ways in which to seek further input from States Members and the public.