

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
BY THE CONNETABLE OF ST. MARTIN  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 21st APRIL 2020**

**Question**

Does the Chief Minister intend to publish an outline exit strategy for the Government of Jersey from the COVID-19 outbreak once a marked decline in the spread of infection is achieved?

**Answer**

The primary goal of our public health strategy is to suppress the spread of Coronavirus – to ‘flatten the curve’ of cases in order to protect our health system and shield our most vulnerable Islanders. We must *delay* the spread of the virus, *contain* it where cases arise, and *shield* the most vulnerable from it. Our collective focus must remain Staying at Home for the rest of this month.

Second, we are acutely aware of the strain the current public health measures are placing on families and businesses across Jersey. We do not want these measures – while undoubtedly necessary now - to remain in place any longer than is required, and we will be presenting a plan for a safe exit from the pandemic towards the end of April.

It is important to highlight that every step we take at this critical time is informed by all the available evidence on the spread of Coronavirus – and we will only begin to dial down the current public health measures when we are confident transmission is under control.