

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th JUNE 2020**

Question

Given that the Centres of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines the ‘control’ of infectious disease as “the reduction of disease incidence, prevalence, morbidity or mortality to a locally acceptable level as a result of deliberate efforts [where] continued intervention measures are required to maintain the reduction”, will the Chief Minister advise –

- (a) whether this definition is the one that the Government of Jersey is using when describing their ‘control approach’ to Covid-19;
- (b) if not, what exact definition of ‘control’ is being used by the Government; and
- (c) if the CDC. definition is being used, what the Government deems to be a locally ‘acceptable level’ of the ‘incidence, prevalence, morbidity or mortality’ of Covid-19 in Jersey?

Answer

- (a) No, the CDC definition in the question is not being used, as the WHO articulation is understood to be more recent and tailored to COVID-19.
- (b) Jersey’s control approach is aligned to the WHO’s overarching goal for COVID-19, which is for all “...countries to control the pandemic by slowing down the transmission and reducing mortality associated with COVID-19” as outlined in the most recent Covid-19 Strategy Update (WHO, Apr. 2020 update, retrieved from https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/covid-strategy-update-14april2020.pdf?sfvrsn=29da3ba0_19&download=true).

This strategy outlines several objectives, one being **control**:

Control sporadic cases and clusters and prevent community transmission by rapidly finding and isolating all cases, providing them with appropriate care, and tracing, quarantining, and supporting all contacts.

- (c) As identified in (a) above, the CDC definition is not being used.