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1 Deputy K.G. Pamplin of St. Saviour of the Minister for External Relations regarding access to fishing waters and the U.K.'s departure from the European Union (OQ. 238/2020):

What discussions, if any, has the Minister had with the U.K. (United Kingdom) Government about access to fishing waters around Jersey after the end of the transition period following the U.K.'s departure from the European Union?

Senator I.J. Gorst (The Minister for External Relations):

Ministers and officials are in continual dialogue with their counterparts in the United Kingdom Government on this important subject. While not attempting, of course, to second guess the purpose of the Deputy's question, I can confirm, as I did publicly last week, that it is not possible for the United Kingdom Government to offer rights or access to Jersey's territorial waters as part of negotiations with the European Union without our express consent and agreement. Jersey has autonomy over such matters and I reconfirm the statement of the Minister for the Environment that Jersey will not be ceding control of its territorial waters.

4.1.1 Deputy K.G. Pamplin:

Yes, he is of course correct, this is in response to the national news headlines that prompted my question. Since then, has the Minister reiterated his points that he has made in the Assembly today to those representatives in the U.K. on our behalf, leading those negotiations?

Senator I.J. Gorst:

I have, as have officials.