

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. MARTIN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 13th JULY 2020**

Question

When will the Chief Minister update the Assembly on the proposed restructuring of the Department of Growth, Housing and Environment, including whether, and how, the proposed restructuring will affect ministerial remits?

Answer

Prior to the Covid 19 lockdown period, the Council of Ministers discussed the future structure of GHE. It agreed that in January 2020 that the Economy and Partnerships directorate be moved into the Office of the Director General. In addition, it agreed that there would be a review of Regulation activity with a focus of ensuring that all appropriate regulation services were centred in the same place, and the appropriate ethical walls were put in place to mitigate and manage the perception of conflict of interest.

Future work will now commence on the review of GHE with the focus on the government property estate, our public utility functions and sport functions. This work is expected to continue throughout 2020 and into early 2021.

At this stage there is no impact on political portfolios.