

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY SENATOR S.Y. MÉZEC
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2021**

Question

Further to the adoption of Common Strategic Policy, in which it was stated that “we will work in partnership with Parishes, churches, faith groups, community groups, the third sector, volunteers, businesses, trade unions and key stakeholders”, will the Chief Minister detail how many scheduled meetings he has personally had with faith groups, business representative groups and trade union representatives?

Answer

Since my election to Chief Minister in June 2018, I have undertaken a number of engagements with the groups listed in the above question.

This has included three meetings with faith groups and over fifty meetings with business and third sector representatives and two with trade union representatives.

The States Employment Board, which I Chair, has established robust arrangements for engagement between officers, on behalf of SEB, and trade union representatives. SEB does not negotiate directly with trade unions. Officers meet unions frequently on a full range of issues, including weekly on health matters throughout the pandemic.

I have also attended the Economic Council which includes both business and trade union representatives.

As part of my regular engagement I have also undertaken a number of speaking and or Q&A sessions with a variety of bodies including; JFL, the IoD, Jersey Chamber of Commerce, Jersey Mutual, Digital Jersey, Jersey Heritage and the European Association for Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA).

Additionally, I hosted a reception for the Island’s charitable sector and honorary consuls in January 2020 and intend to conduct Parish visits to each of the Island’s parishes this year.

Alongside these events I have engaged in regular correspondence with representatives of each of the groups listed both before and during the COVID-19 pandemic.