WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 5th JULY 2021 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 12th JULY 2021

Question

Will the Minister explain what measures, if any, are taken to assess the compliance of the functions undertaken within her portfolio with the requirements of the Island's Data Protection legislation and whether any such assessment has highlighted deficiencies in that compliance; and will she state whether any exemptions from the requirements of that legislation have been granted in respect of those functions and, if so, what those exemptions are?

Answer

The Department assesses compliance with the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2018 (DPL) through the monitoring and management of incidents and customer feedback. This involves the introduction of process improvements and lessons learned where any deficiencies are highlighted. There is also mandatory training for staff and compliance with this is also monitored by the department.

Part 7 of the DPL describes a number of exemptions which can be applied by Data Controllers in certain circumstances. These relate to all Controllers of data and not just Government and do not need to be granted but can be applied by the Data Controller as appropriate.