

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 14th MARCH 2022
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 21st MARCH 2022**

Question

“Will the Minister state –

- (a) the level of grant, if any, provided by the Government to the Jersey Women’s Refuge in 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022 (to date);
- (b) the estimate, if any, the Minister has undertaken of the proportion of overall expenditure incurred by the Jersey Women’s Refuge that was covered by the Government grant in each of those years;
- (c) what assessment, if any, he has made of the adequacy of the Government grant to the Jersey Women’s Refuge, in light of the services offered by the Refuge that support the Government’s strategy to tackle domestic violence; and
- (d) with reference to the response to Oral Question 297/2019, in which he indicated a wish to see an improvement in the Refuge’s funding situation in 2021, what steps, if any, he took to bring about that improvement?”

Answer

- (a) Jersey Women’s Refuge (JWR) has received the following grants:

2018	£209,459
2019	£226,909
2020	£215,332
2021	£215,332
2022	£215,332

In addition, the Jersey Women’s Refuge also receives funding for the IRIS Service (Identification and Referral to Improve Safety Service). To cover the years 2018 to 2022, the following payments have been made:

2018	£40,199
2019	£17,450
2020	£17,019
2021	£42,780
2022	£41,020

- (b) Jersey Women’s Refuge running costs as provided by the Service Manager are as follows:

2018	£469,467
2019	£490,894
2020	£545,470

2021 £525,645¹
2022 TBC

This equates to the following % contribution from the Government Grant.

2018 53%
2019 50%
2020 42.6%
2021 49%²
2022 TBC

(c) The Government Grant was transferred from Health and Community Services to Customer and Local Services in 2021. Officers are currently engaging with the JWR to review its current service specification with a view to co-producing a longer-term arrangement that is sustainable from a funding and staffing perspective.

In addition to the services JWR offers, the Government also funds Jersey Domestic Abuse Support and has supported, through Fiscal Stimulus, the development of a new Women's Shelter which will provide accommodation and support for over 20 women as part of our strategy to support vulnerable people.

(d) The grant agreement was extended for an initial 12 months and then a subsequent 24 months as outlined in the response to Oral Question 297/2019. It is the intention of Government to work in partnership with JWR to review its current service specification and to develop a longer-term sustainable model of service delivery.

¹ This figure is draft and is lower due to vacancies at JWR

² Will need to be revised once 2021 running costs are confirmed