

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 24th OCTOBER 2022
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 31st OCTOBER 2022**

Question

In relation to the Health Insurance Fund (HIF), will the Minister explain why –

- (a) Digital projects and the Jersey Care Model are being funded from the HIF rather than receiving funding from either the Government's overall expenditure or the Health budget; and
- (b) HIF is not being used to increase the co-payment for GP consultations (as set up under the Health Insurance Law 1967 to meet at least half the cost) such payments having been frozen for the last decade?

Answer

- a) The decision to fund the Jersey Care Model (JCM) and associated digital projects from the Health Insurance Fund (HIF) was taken by States Assembly. This included adoption of JCM funding proposal (P.114/2020), the Government Plan 2021-24 (P130/2020) and amendments to the HIF.
- b) Matters relating to the co-payment do not fall to Minister for Health and Social Services. Further queries regarding co-payment should be directed to the Minister for Social Security.