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1 Deputy L.J. Farnham of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding availability of joint taxation returns (OQ.190/2023)

In line with the adoption of paragraph (b) of proposition P.32/2023 (Removal of compulsory independent taxation for existing married couples and civil partnerships) by the States Assembly in July of this year, will the Minister advise how he is ensuring that joint taxation remains available for married couples and civil partners?

Deputy I. J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter (The Minister for Treasury and Resources):

The vote on P.32 left us with a circle to square. Let us hope we do not do that again today. The proposed Government Plan confirms that Ministers are working to provide an option for couples who were resident in Jersey and who were married or in a civil partnership before 1st January 2022 to file a joint tax return. Following discussions with officials last week on the work needed to facilitate joint filing, I will now be proposing to lodge a new proposition to replace P.41 with a view to debate early in 2024, and we will be engaging with States Members ahead of that lodging.