

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY M.R. SCOTT OF ST. BRELADE
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 30th MAY 2023
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th JUNE 2023**

Question

“With respect to the Chief Minister’s response to my oral question without notice on [23rd May 2023](#), will she provide further details on the potential advisory council in relation to high-net-worth individuals that she mentioned in her answer, as well as any consideration of the use of special advisors by the Council of Ministers to enhance independent expert knowledge whilst improving transparency?”

Answer

It is important that expert advice is considered when developing policy, and this can be done in a variety of ways, usually by responsible officials providing advice to Ministers, but also by using contractors and professional advisors in specialist areas. For example, as part of the new Health Care Facilities work, Mr Alan Moore advised the Council of Ministers.

In the case of the 2(1)(e) review, a number of stakeholders were engaged in the course of the work, including industry professionals and recently approved applicants. This ensured that specialist input was available as part of that decision making process.

I remain of the view that standing structures to provide ongoing advice in this area would have merit, along the lines of an Advisory Council, aiding in attracting applicants, and thereafter supporting them in contributing to our community, including philanthropically.

I have no further details on the development of an Advisory Council since our exchange on 23rd May but have asked for this work to progress and would be happy to keep Members informed.