WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT BY DEPUTY K.M. WILSON OF ST. CLEMENT QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 2nd APRIL 2024 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th APRIL 2024

Ouestion

"Further to his <u>recent statement</u> in the Jersey Evening Post and the release of the audit of prescribed medicinal cannabis, will the Minister –

- (a) indicate the timescale for bringing forward the "legislation necessary to regulate and inspect cannabis clinics in Jersey';"
- (b) commit, in coordination with the Minister for Health and Social Services, to making the full audit findings public; and
- (c) state the number of General Practices on the Island purchased by Medicinal Cannabis businesses; and if not, will be explain why not and undertake measures to obtain this information?"

Answer

- (a) Initial scoping work to develop the policy that will inform the legislative framework to regulate and inspect cannabis clinics has commenced. However, development of the legislation will not begin until after the project to regulate hospital and ambulance services has concluded, by the end of 2024. On this basis, it is intended to develop legislation throughout 2025 with a view to bringing the necessary amendments to the States Assembly for debate in early 2026. The project is at an early stage and so this timetable may change.
- (b) The full audit report has been made public. It is understood that some media reported that a further report is pending, this was simply an error.
- (c) This information is not held by government. However, ownership of Jersey companies must be declared annually to the Jersey Financial Services Commission. I do not propose to undertake measures to obtain this information as this would not be relevant to my ministerial portfolio.