## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES BY DEPUTY J. RENOUF OF ST. BRELADE QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 17th JUNE 2024 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 24th JUNE 2024

## **Ouestion**

"In respect to Article 9(9) of the <u>Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019</u>, will the Minister confirm what specific steps (including meetings, briefing papers, and decisions) have or are being undertaken by Ministers and Officers to ensure that preparations for the next Government Plan will "take into account the sustainable well-being (including the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being) of the inhabitants of Jersey over successive generations"?"

## Answer

Article 9(9) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 says:

- (9) The Council of Ministers must
  - (a) in preparing the government plan, take into account the sustainable well-being (including the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being) of the inhabitants of Jersey over successive generations; and
  - (b) set out in the government plan how the proposals in the plan take that sustainable well-being into account.

The forthcoming Government Plan will set out how the proposals in the plan take sustainable wellbeing into account.

Some of the specific steps undertaken in preparing the plan include:

- Ensuring that the Common Strategic Policy (CSP) is aligned with Future Jersey and the three
  sustainable wellbeing themes (Community Wellbeing, Economic Wellbeing, Environmental
  Wellbeing) and the Island Outcome Indicators. The decisions on the priorities to include in the
  CSP and the associated resourcing implications have directly informed the Government Plan
  process.
- As part of developing the Common Strategic Policy and the Government Plan, Ministers have received briefings on Future Jersey and the Island Outcome Indicators, including from Statistics Jersey.
- A briefing was provided on the ways that ministers can individually and collectively take sustainable wellbeing into account.
- Briefings on the required content of the Government Plan (as set out in the Public Finances Law), which includes the requirement to consider sustainable well-being.

It should be noted that the Jersey Audit Office is currently undertaking <u>a review of the Jersey</u> <u>Performance Framework</u> and the approach taken to sustainable wellbeing.