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2.5 Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the EU Good Manufacturing Practice (OQ.253/2025):

Will the Minister explain whether the E.U. (European Union) Good Manufacturing Practice is enforced in Jersey and, if so, how and if no such enforcement is undertaken, why not?

Deputy T.J.A Binet of St. Saviour (The Minister for Health and Social Services):

At present E.U. Good Manufacturing Practice is not enforced in Jersey because we do not have a regulatory authority with enforcement powers. The U.K.'s regulator, the M.H.R.A. (Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency), does not extend to Jersey. What we do have is an agreement with the M.H.R.A. to carry out one-off inspections, which provides some reassurance but it is not the same as having our own system to oversee and enforce standards throughout the products' life cycle. We have already begun work on what a proper proportionate framework should look like so that products made or supplied in Jersey meet recognised international standards. To make that happen we will need co-operation and support from other departments, and I am currently working for them to get this right. I hope that helps cast some light on the situation.

2.5.1 Deputy D.J. Warr:

Thank you, Minister. Could you tell the Assembly a little more about what that work involves and whether it will require input or support from the Economy Department?

Deputy T.J.A. Binet:

Yes, it will. We have come to this, as an Island, from a rather peculiar angle. The funding for much of this work does sit with the Economy Department. A lot of work is being carried out by the Pharmacy Department and it is all being overseen with Health. We are trying to bring these threads together and make proper sense of what is required. As I have said before, we are using some U.K. experts for this purpose and I know there is a reluctance to employ consultants but in this case we needed to find people with global experience so that we could draw on them to make sure that they analysed what is required and pointed us in the right direction. I think we start from some way back but we are making very good progress and we are getting good buy-in from the various people, including the Economy Department, to make that happen.