WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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Question

"For each strategic priority set out in the Common Strategic Policy 2026-2030, will the Chief Minister provide details of the evidence, analysis or assessments used by the Council of Ministers when determining and prioritising funding allocations in the Proposed Budget 2027-2030?"

Answer

The proposed Common Strategic Policy 2026-2030 was developed and Budget allocations were proposed in line with each of the11 Priorities, based on a range of evidence, analysis and assessment, as follows:

- fiscal forecasts and financial planning assumptions
- Assembly decisions and previously approved funding commitments
- strategic and operational risk assessments, including risks recorded in the corporate risk registers
- healthcare demand and capacity modelling undertaken to inform the Island's health service requirements
- business cases submitted in support of new funding requests, setting out the strategic, financial, commercial, management and economic case for change, drawing upon various sources of evidence
- distributional and household analysis of the potential impacts of proposed cost-of-living measures
- evidence of public priorities, including feedback received during the election period and independent public polling which identified cost of living as a key concern for Islanders.

In developing the proposed Common Strategic Policy and the proposed Budget 2027-2030, the Council of Ministers aimed to maintain sustainable public finances and balanced budget throughout this term of office

The Council of Ministers considered these sources of evidence through a series of Budget workshops at which funding requests were reviewed, challenged and prioritised. Business cases supporting proposals were assessed to determine the extent to which additional funding was necessary to deliver policy objectives, mitigate significant risks or maintain essential public services.

This assessment concluded that some Common Strategic Policy priorities could be progressed through existing departmental budgets, previously approved capital programmes or resources already agreed by the Assembly.