

2.7 Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement of the Minister for External Relations regarding future generations in Jersey (OQ.38/2026):

Will the Minister advise what, if any, long-term international or external relations strategies have been produced that explicitly consider the interests of future generations in Jersey, and if no such strategies have been produced, explain why not?

Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter (The Minister for External Relations):

The common policy on external relations is the strategic framework that guides the Government of Jersey's international engagement. It is cross-cutting and long-term in its ambition to protect and promote the economic, social, environmental and cultural resilience and prosperity of the Island and, in turn, the interests of our future generations. The financial services policy framework sets out the vision and strategic priorities for the financial services sector in Jersey, ensuring we have an effective roadmap for the success of the industry in future years. Most recently, given the ever-changing geopolitical environment and growing international competition, I commissioned one of the biggest and most comprehensive reviews of Jersey's financial and related professional services sector. The review will include recommendations across our tax regime, business environment and our external growth strategy, and will be communicated in the coming weeks.

2.7.1 Deputy K.M. Wilson:

In 2018 the Future Jersey Vision set out the 10 Island outcomes, which was obviously superseded by the Common Strategic Policy. Can the Minister give examples where the specific work that his department is doing has directly supported some of those ambitions both in the Common Strategic Policy, and in the Future Jersey report, increasing opportunities for young Islanders, other than in the finance industry?

Deputy I.J. Gorst:

I can give examples. As the Deputy hopefully knows, we support other departments in the international partner schools programme with student exchanges. We have the Franco-British Council partnership, which is new last year, and offers 2 young leaders places to professionals under 40 with connections in Jersey. My Assistant Minister is leading on diaspora work out of the London office, Jersey Connections, which is keeping in contact with Islanders who have moved away. We have got educational partnerships with the Portuguese Camões Institute, J.F.L. (Jersey Finance Limited) runs Future Connect initiatives tailored to junior to mid-level professionals, and there are many others as well.

The Bailiff:

We now move on to Questions to Ministers without notice and the first period of questions are questions for Minister for Sustainable Economic Development.