WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th APRIL 2010

Question

"To help and assist the Comprehensive Spending Review, would the Minister provide an organisation chart of her department identifying every post, the post holder's duties and responsibilities, the salary grade and whether the post is currently filled or vacant and, if possible, if any of these post holders are suspended?"

Answer

The Deputy's request for the detailed information listed would take a massive amount of time to collate and present in a meaningful format.

Far from attempting "to help and assist the Comprehensive Spending Review", answering such questions would involve a vast amount of additional, time-consuming and unnecessary work which would take attention away from the work of reviewing efficiency and the effect of potential cuts or transfers of functions.

Unfortunately the Deputy did not attend the recent CSR workshop where he would have had the opportunity to understand the true nature of the CSR process and the Council of Ministers' determined objective to reduce States expenditure over the coming years.

Most of the information the Deputy is asking for is included in the annex to the Business Plan and in my department's Business Plan for 2010 which are available to all States Members

With regards to the number of post-holders suspended, I refer the Deputy to the detailed answer to Question 5174 asked of the Chief Minister by the Deputy of St Martin.

I believe that the Comprehensive Spending Review has all of the necessary information on which to undertake an informed analysis and identify opportunities to cut spending and make efficiencies. I also believe that if the Deputy reads and analyses the Business Plans he will also have sufficient information on which to base his judgements.

Therefore on the advice of the Chief Minister, I do not intend to undertake further work in responding to this question.