WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE BY DEPUTY L.J. FARNHAM OF ST. MARY, ST. OUEN AND ST. PETER QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2023 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2023

Question

"Further to the announcement that three Independent Advisors and two clinical experts have been appointed to support the Government of Jersey's New Healthcare Facilities Programme, will the Minister –

- (a) explain the process followed for their selection;
- (b) advise whether they are being remunerated and, if so, to what extent; and
- (c) detail the total estimated annual cost?"

Answer

a) Recruitment processes

For the Independent Advisers to the Ministerial Group, a full, open recruitment process was undertaken to appoint the Independent Advisers to the Ministerial Group. This process was overseen by the Jersey Appointments Commission.

For the Clinical Expert Advisors, a recruitment process was undertaken among Health and Community Services staff. The basis for this was to appoint an individual who was already an established HCS clinician. Following receipt of applications and completion of the interview process, it was agreed that two Consultants could share the role.

b) Remuneration

Each Independent Adviser to the Ministerial Group has been engaged for circa 15 days' work per year with associated remuneration of £12,000 per year.

Each Clinical Expert Advisor has been engaged for eight hours per week to support the programme, which equates to two Programmed Activities in terms of consultant work planning arrangements. This is remunerated in line with employment terms and conditions for the clinical adviser substantive roles on the Jersey Consultant Salary scale. Individual amounts cannot be disclosed.

c) Total cost

The total cost for the Independent Advisers to the Ministerial Group is £36,00 per annum.

The total cost for the Clinical Advisers is equivalent to 30 consultant days per annum, which is considerably below the remuneration for the clinical adviser to the previous hospital project.