

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 10th JUNE 2024
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 17th JUNE 2024**

Question

“Will the Chief Minister state how much the Government has spent on consultants since he was appointed as Chief Minister; and what actions, if any, he has taken to reduce the use of consultants?”

Answer

Expenditure on consultancy for 2022 was published in February 2024, and the 2023 report is due to be published before the summer recess. The report for January-June 2024 will then be produced and published.

The production of these reports on consultancy expenditure is complex, and I have asked the relevant finance team to streamline and accelerate reporting, so that Ministers and Members have more up to date information.

Alongside this, as outlined in the Common Strategic Policy, we will control consultancy spending more rigorously. To achieve this the following actions have been taken under the current government:

- All consultancy expenditure will now require the Chief Executive’s approval, with the States Employment Board retaining oversight.
- All Departments are critically reviewing the need for consultancy services with a view to reducing reliance on consultants.
- An action plan is being developed and published in response to the Comptroller and Auditor General’s report [Use-of-Consultants-Follow-Up.pdf \(jerseyauditoffice.je\)](#).