

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 11th MARCH 2024
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 18th MARCH 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister advise whether the French government have been officially approached about the development of a tunnel between Jersey and France; and if not, why not?”

Answer

I have raised this issue informally and at the very earliest stages with the President of La Manche, as well as with MPs and representatives of the National Assembly in Paris. I reiterated that we were in an exploratory phase and this would not be taken forward without explicit approval and support from the States Assembly and both regional and national governments in France.

At this stage this work is only exploratory with no policy commitment yet made by either jurisdiction. Discussions have therefore been hypothetical prior to a cost benefit analysis being completed in due course.