

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 3rd JUNE 2024
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 10th JUNE 2024**

Question

“Will the Chief Minister advise whether he supports the International Court of Justice’s ruling on Israel’s Rafah offensive, if not, why not, and if so, what steps, if any, will Jersey’s Government take in response to the Court’s ruling?”

Answer

I remain deeply concerned with the ongoing situation in the region and, alongside the Minister for External Relations, I will continue to engage with UK counterparts to ensure that Jersey’s perspective – as agreed by the Assembly in P.7/2024 – is properly heard. This includes our condemnation of ‘all acts of aggression which violate international law and result in death and harm to civilians’ as well as supporting an ‘immediate suspension of hostilities’.

The conduct of foreign policy, including in relation to the rulings of the International Court of Justice, is formally the responsibility of the United Kingdom government on behalf of Jersey.

So while I must respect the constitutional perspective, I personally believe that the decisions of the International Court of Justice carry significant weight in the international community and would wish to see an immediate end to the conflict.