WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY P.M. BAILHACHE OF ST. CLEMENT QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 15th MAY 2023 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 22nd MAY 2023

Question

"Will the Minister explain, given the Government's expressed commitment to openness and transparency, why she is unwilling to release to Members, and to the public at large, a copy of the current Memorandum of Understanding between the Home Office and the Minister for Health and Social Services in relation to the cultivation of cannabis?"

Answer

Having received a request for a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) from Deputy Bailhache, the Minister considered presenting a copy either to the States Assembly or publishing a copy to the Government's website. However, pursuant to the terms of the MoU, this information cannot be disclosed without the consent of both parties – it is not standard procedure for this information to be made public in the UK. Further to Deputy Bailhache's request, a copy has been provided.