

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2018**

**Question**

Will the Minister provide a total figure for the amount of underspends during the term of the current Medium Term Financial Plan for the following areas –

- (a) capital projects;
- (b) Brexit preparation;
- (c) infrastructure projects;
- (d) health expenditure;
- (e) Home Affairs; and
- (f) education spending;

and will the Minister also detail where any underspends currently reside in the States' finances?

**Answer**

Amounts allocated to capital projects remain available to spend for the purpose they were allocated across multiple years until such time that the project is complete. Capital allocations are monitored throughout the year to identify any amounts no longer required that could be reprioritised across the organisation.

Examples of the reprioritisation of unspent capital allocations can be seen in the [Budget 2018](#) capital programme where a total of £5.8 million was reallocated across a number of capital projects. A further £3.7 million of unspent capital allocations were identified in advance of the [Budget 2019](#) with £1.4 million proposed to contribute to the 2019 capital programme and £0.5 million to be transferred to an existing capital project to increase its scope.

- b) Many States departments affected by Brexit have been managing their preparation through their base budgets. However, the majority of the funding to manage the impact of Brexit on the States of Jersey and the wider community has been managed through the External Relations Department base budget. The Department was created in 2017 (in the [MTFP Addition for 2017 – 2019](#)), having previously been part of the Chief Minister's Department. The total Department underspend in 2017 was £417,659.

A number of specific Brexit-related allocations have also been made to Departments, including External Relations, from Central Contingencies in this MTFP period. As at the end of 2017, of the £998,000 allocated in this way, £699,427 was spent with the remaining £298,573 identified as no longer required so returned to Central Contingency.

Further allocations have been made in 2018 to manage the impact of Brexit. The 2018 outturn will be confirmed at year end and reported as part of the Annual Report and Accounts.

- c) Please see the response to part a).

d-f) The underspends of those areas are highlighted in the table attached as Appendix 1.

The 2018 outturn will not be known until the end of the year and will be reported as part of the Annual Report and Accounts.

## Appendix 1 – Departmental Underspends 2016 - 2017

	2017			2016 **		
	Final Budget	Actual	Remaining Budget Unspent	Final Budget	Actual	Remaining Budget Unspent
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Chief Minister's Department *	35,213	34,233	980	37,913	35,539	2,374
- Overseas Aid	10,396	10,355	41	10,344	10,287	57
External Relations	2,340	1,923	417			
Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture	19,358	18,820	538	20,274	19,768	506
Education	108,959	107,342	1,617	105,388	101,263	4,125
Department of the Environment	7,020	5,650	1,370	6,591	6,108	483
Health and Social Services	215,687	211,030	4,657	204,919	198,446	6,473
Community and Constitutional Affairs	51,486	50,994	492	51,114	49,636	1,478
Social Security	189,759	178,788	10,971	195,802	185,624	10,178
Department for Infrastructure	36,864	35,100	1,764	44,129	40,779	3,350
Treasury and Resources	24,503	23,168	1,335	25,269	23,794	1,475
Non Ministerial States Funded						
- Bailiffs Chamber	1,894	1,798	96	1,643	1,627	16
- Law Officers	8,296	7,659	637	8,494	7,213	1,281
- Judicial Greffe	6,686	6,135	551	6,459	5,461	998
- Viscount's Services	1,424	994	430	1,411	1,024	387
- Official Analysts	606	496	110	619	534	85
- Office of the Lieutenant Governor	848	805	43	1,358	1,301	57
- Office of the Dean of Jersey	27	11	16	26	26	-
- Data Protection Commission	399	399	-	309	309	-
- Probation Department	2,077	2,032	45	1,991	1,896	95
- Comptroller and Auditor General	805	759	46	812	571	241
States Assembly	5,424	5,320	104	7,536	7,248	288
<b>Departmental Total</b>	<b>730,071</b>	<b>703,811</b>	<b>26,260</b>	<b>732,401</b>	<b>698,454</b>	<b>33,947</b>

Notes:

\* Includes External Relations in 2016

\*\* As reported in the 2016 Accounts before restating for the distribution of the 2016 pay award across departments. No impact on the unspent position.

Rounding applied