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4.6 Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade of the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development regarding the Corn Riots Festival (OQ.75/2025):

Will the Minister advise what Government funding was allocated to the Corn Riots Festival in 2022, 2023, and 2024 and whether any money has been allocated for 2025, and if not, why not?

Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity (The Minister for Sustainable Economic Development):

In 2022, the Government allocated £24,962 to the Corn Riots Festival. In 2023, £31,137; in 2024, £33,882; and for this year we have allocated £30,000, a similar level of funding for 2025. However, this year due to a change in internal resources, i.e. my department has a lot less money than it had last year, we are not in a position as a department to manage the event, although we are funding people to do that management.

4.6.1 Deputy M. Tadier:

I am slightly bemused to find out that the department has got less money given the fact that the 1 per cent for arts, culture and heritage is more than they would have got if they would have stuck with the original Government position. While his department might have less money, arts, culture and heritage has more money and I am glad to see that at least some has been earmarked for the Corn Riots Festival. Could the Minister give an assurance that he will be working proactively to make sure that one way or the other, as far as possible, the Corn Riots does go ahead, even if it is delivered externally to his department?

Deputy K.F. Morel:

If there is a desire to put the Corn Riots on, then I am happy to provide funding to those people who are willing to do that.