

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY C.S. ALVES OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 21st JANUARY 2020**

Question

How much of the Island's Gross Domestic Product (G.D.P.) is spent on healthcare?

Answer

The government does not currently have an estimate of total healthcare spend on the Island, and therefore it is not possible to directly answer the Deputy's question.

To assist the Deputy, a significant proportion (although not all) of healthcare expenditure on Island will be as a result of Government expenditure in this area. Currently Government expenditure is not recorded by ultimate use / purpose (such as "healthcare"), although the future implementation of P.94/2019 (States' Expenditure: Classification in Accordance with International Best Practice) will facilitate exactly this sort of analysis.

At present, a rough approximation of Government spend in this area can be obtained by considering departmental level expenditure and specifically expenditure by the Health and Community Services Department (£202.4 million revenue and £9.9 million capital in 2020). Departmental expenditure will however include elements of spend that would not meet the strict definition of "healthcare", and there will potentially be expenditure occurred by other departments that would fall within this definition.

Government expenditure is also not the only source of healthcare expenditure on Island. There will potentially be expenditure incurred by the Parishes as well as expenditure by private households and companies.

Estimates of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) are produced by Statistics Jersey with the most recent figure being £4,624 million for calendar year 2018.