WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT BY DEPUTY C.S. ALVES OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 18th JUNE 2019

Question

Further to the response to Written Question 225/2019, in which the Minister stated that "there is no requirement for authorised vets to notify the Government of Jersey of the blood tests carried out or the results of any tests", will the Minister state what records or information, if any, are currently collected by the Government from authorised vets regarding animal vaccinations, vaccine reactions and diseases?

Answer

The Government of Jersey (Government) collects the following data on animal vaccinations from authorised vets:

1. **Notifiable Diseases** (e.g.: Bluetongue, Foot and Mouth, Avian Influenza)

Notifiable diseases have economic consequences and need to be controlled. These must be reported to the States of Jersey. In the last 10 years there have been 2 incidents of currently notifiable disease on the island, Koi Herpes virus in carp and American Foulbrood in honey bees. Most animal diseases are not notifiable and are dealt with by private vets, consequently no central records are required for these other diseases.

Government holds vaccination data where the States of Jersey has decided that in order to protect the local herd or flock that vaccination is required in the face of a notifiable disease.

There have been no recent such Government vaccination programmes. The last was from 2008-2010 for Bluetongue and the vaccines were supplied with full cost recovery from the end users.

2. Vaccine Reactions

Vets should report any adverse veterinary medicine reaction the UK Veterinary Medicines Directorate (<u>VMD</u>). The VMD process would produce an annual report to States of Jersey for any report relevant to Jersey. There are no cases on file for the last 5 years.