WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, SPORT AND CULTURE BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER CENTRAL QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 31st OCTOBER 2022 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2022

Question

"Will the Minister state what assessment, if any, has been undertaken of the extent to which the Island's trade or economy will be affected by the U.K. Government's proposal to move away from the Retained E.U. Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill by the end of 2023; and will he further advise what impact, if any, such changes will have, particularly on food standards and employment laws?"

Answer

The UK Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill is currently at bill stage. If passed, the Bill will not affect Jersey laws, but it will allow the UK to develop standards that diverge from EU-based standards. Without knowing the detail of how UK standards might diverge from EU-based standards and in which fields, it is impossible to estimate the impact on Jersey. Jersey continues to have good on-going engagement with colleagues in Whitehall and so will be able to pick up on changes which may be of consequence to the Island before they are being brought into being.