

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 30TH JANUARY 2017**

Question

Has the Assistant Minister to the Chief Minister with responsibility for the financial services industry, digital sector, and competition and innovation offered his resignation from this post, and had it accepted; and, if not, will the Chief Minister explain why not and when he expects to have completed this change? Will the Chief Minister also inform members how the responsibilities of the Assistant Minister have been, or will be, redistributed?

Answer

Senator Ozouf has written to the Chief Minister, and with immediate effect, on Friday, 20th January, 2017, ceased to hold office as Assistant Chief Minister. At that point, the delegated powers held by Senator Ozouf reverted to the Chief Minister.

It is not easy to replace the expertise brought by Senator Ozouf to competition, innovation, digital and financial services matters, but over the coming days decisions will be taken on any new delegations that may be needed.

A Report will be presented on Monday afternoon to confirm how the responsibilities of the Assistant Chief Minister will be distributed.