

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2020**

**Question**

What progress, if any, has the Chief Minister made in establishing a ‘think tank’ of High Value Residents (‘2(1)(e)’ residents), industry and union representatives to advise on a recovery plan from the Coronavirus pandemic; and will he advise whether this ‘think tank’ will be independent of politicians and Government officers and whether its advice and conclusions will be published?

**Answer**

As mentioned in answer to WQ193/1010, the Chief Minister is in the process of finalising the “Political Oversight Group for Economic Recovery (POG)”. Within its structure, there will be a working group, referred to as the “Economic Council”, supporting the Oversight Group, which will contain a wide variety of individuals from across different industries within the Island.

Whilst this is not specifically a “think tank” of only High Value Residents, it will serve a similar purpose of providing expert advice to the POG and to Ministers, in supporting their decision making in relation to the Island’s economic recovery.

The purpose of the group is to provide external independent advice to Ministers and officials, in addition to that provided by officials. All minutes and papers from meetings of the Political Oversight Group and the working group will be available for scrutiny, and any report produced by the POG will be published.