

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 20th JUNE 2011**

Question

Given that the thrust of her green paper “caring for each other, caring for ourselves” is to deliver more care in the community, will the Minister give details of the extent to which support for services delivered by third sector (charitable or voluntary) partners is affected by the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) proposals?

In particular will she list those third sector organisations who receive funding from the Health and Social Services Department and give details of the sums involved in 2010 and how the £140,000 (2%) saving in the first round of CSR on awards to these bodies has been delivered in 2011?

Will she inform members what plans she has to deliver further savings in this area in the second round of CSR proposals for 2012 – 2013?

Does she accept that any cuts to grants in this sector make further fund raising more difficult to obtain (such as matched funding from Lloyds TSB or similar) and these short term savings may well have longer term costs?

Answer

The grants and subsidies provided by HSSD to Third Sector organisations for 2010 is detailed in the States of Jersey published accounts.

During the Spring/Summer 2010 HSSD worked with all Third Sector grant and subsidy recipients to achieve a 2% efficiency for 2011. In total a £140k saving, equivalent to 2%, was negotiated across all grants. The amounts negotiated per organisation were dependent on the circumstances of each organisation and their ability to make efficiencies in their service delivery.

At this point in time HSSD has no plans to ask these organisations to take an additional 3% cut in 2012 or 5% cut in 2013, although this cannot be ruled out if required. HSSD has informed Third Sector that should additional, future cuts be required it will be done in discussion with them.

As part of its second round CSR proposals (2012/2013) HSSD is working with one specific Third Sector provider to consider its current business model and the future shape of its long term service provision. It is probable that this will have a consequential impact on its budget but this cannot be confirmed at the moment.

HSSD fully accepts that fund raising in the current economic climate presents a real challenge for these organisations and that any cut will potentially impact an organisation’s ability to secure match funding. It is for this reason that HSSD negotiated the 2011 reductions on a case by case basis and did not compel organisations to release a 2% saving if there was a clear and valid reason why it was not possible.

The total was £140k across all these agencies, it was not 2% for each agency as it varied depending on their particular needs and circumstances and ability to make efficiencies.