WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2019

Question

Will the Minister undertake a 'Pareto analysis' of the work of his department in order that members may understand –

- (a) whether 20% of items (other than staffing) cost his department 80% of its non-staff budget and if so, what those items are; and
- (b) whether his department spends 80% of its time addressing 20% of the matters which it works on and if so, what those matters are?

Answer

Under the new One Government target operating model I do not have a department, as historically understood. My environment portfolio activities are now predominantly undertaken within the Growth, Housing and Environment, and Strategic Policy, Performance and Population departments. Under One Government, departments work collaboratively to deliver Council of Ministers priorities.

We have not undertaken a Pareto analysis of my environment portfolio activities and I do not believe such a review would be beneficial at this time of significant change and limited resources.

A clear breakdown of how public money is spent by the States of Jersey is provided in the annual report and accounts, presented to the States Assembly and published on www.gov.je. The States of Jersey accounts for the period 2003 to 2017 are available online and the 2018 accounts will be published by the Minister for Treasury and Resources in Q2 2019.