

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12th OCTOBER 2010**

Question

Can the Minister explain in detail the consultation which took place with the general public about the CSR, both Phase 1 and Phase 2 and advise –

What specific consultation was undertaken with regard to the 50/50 split between tax increases and spending cuts?

What form did the consultation take?

What documents were published as part of the consultation?

How were the benefits of public expenditure of different types explained?

What steps, if any, were taken to ensure that all sections of society were reached during the consultation?

In addition what formal consideration, if any, has been given to public feedback already available to the States concerning facilities and services, whether through the Jersey Annual Social Survey or through specific feedback gathered by departments or agencies, e.g. the Police surveys of the public or the Youth Service surveys of users?

If such consideration has been given, can the Minister provide members with a list of this feedback with direct references?

Answer

I have already responded to a number of questions to the deputy on CSR and consultations. It has already been explained that whilst no formal consultation was undertaken on the CSR proposals there was clearly a wide public debate when the 2011 Business Plan was lodged. It is expected and indeed welcome that there will be a further public debate when the budget is lodged with the CSR 2 proposals for 2011. Departments have put forward their own suggestions for savings and growth and have taken account of public feedback through the JASS survey and other means for any consideration of changes.