

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. BRELADE  
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

**Question**

“Will the Chief Minister advise –

- (a) how many days of –
  - (i) essential food supplies; and
  - (ii) critical, medical and pharmacy suppliesare held in Jersey at the current time; and
- (b) whether the Government is intending to increase the amount of these supplies; and, if so, to what extent and over what timeframe?”

**Answer**

- i. Food stocks on-island at any one time typically vary between 2 and 21 days for ambient foodstuffs, and 3 to 21 days for frozen foods.
  - ii. HCS typically hold 4-6 weeks of drug stocks. Hospital Supplies hold 6 weeks of consumables stock on island, across roughly 1,900 stock lines, and they also provide consumables for HCS, long term care and primary care providers. Jersey works in partnership with the NHS supply chain and also forms part of the National Supply Disruption Response: this enables us to highlight any specific drug shortages that we may be experiencing, and this can be escalated to expedite the supply of these drugs to us as needed.
- b) The Council of Ministers have committed to improving Jersey’s connectivity and adding greater resilience to our supply chains. The Island currently imports only a small amount of its food and medical supplies from France (and continental Europe) and enhancing trade links via Brittany and Normandy would significantly improve the resilience in our supply chain.

The Government’s Tactical Coordination Group includes a specific Supply Chain cell which was stood up during 2022, this group meets regularly to assess the ongoing resilience of Jersey’s supply chains and escalates, where necessary, risks to the attention of the Tactical Coordination Group and Ministers.

The Government maintains close dialogue with the logistical, retail and wholesale sectors and officers met with representatives of these industries recently to discuss resilience planning following weather related delays.