

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY S.Y. MÉZEC OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2015**

Question

Could the Chief Minister state the number of official face to face meetings he has had with representatives from the following organisations since he was appointed in 2011:

- (i) the Jersey Chamber of Commerce
- (ii) the Jersey Institute of Directors
- (iii) Jersey Finance
- (iv) Unite the Union
- (v) the Jersey branch of the National Union of Teachers
- (vi) the Jersey branch of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT)
- (v) the Jersey Nurses Association?

Answer

Meetings with the Jersey Chamber of Commerce and Jersey Institute of Directors

Since taking office in late 2011 I have held regular meetings with representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and the Institute of Directors to keep abreast of developments among the business community.

Name of organisation	Number of meetings from 12/2011 to 8/2015
Jersey Chamber of Commerce	16
Jersey Institute of Directors	6

Meetings with Jersey Finance

Jersey Finance was formed in 2001 to promote Jersey as an international financial centre. It is run as a not-for-profit organisation, and is funded by the Jersey government and members of the local finance industry.

I meet the Chief Executive on a monthly basis to keep informed about developments in this important industry for the island. During the requested time period this amounted to approximately 45 meetings.

Meetings with union and staff representatives

The Chief Minister and members of the States Employment Board (SEB) delegate operational employment matters, including face to face meetings with all public sector unions, to the Chief Executive and senior Human Resource Officers in the Chief Ministers Department. These professional employee relations staff work in liaison with Chief Officers and their departmental teams.

Such officers acting on behalf of the Chief Minister and the SEB have held more than 200 face to face meetings with the named unions during this period. These meetings have covered such matters as:

- Workforce Modernisation including, WFM Programme Board, job evaluation, policies, terms and conditions of service
- Pay review and related meetings
- Framework Agreement and other direct partnership forum meetings
- Ad hoc and Departmental meetings with specific representatives on specific employment issues

During that time the Chief Minister, in his capacity as chair of SEB, has personally attended three official meetings with Unite, one with the Jersey branch of the National Union of Teachers, two with the Jersey branch of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers and two with the Jersey Nursing Association (JNA). (On both occasions the Royal College of Nursing Representative attended on behalf of the JNA, supported by Unite).

The Chief Minister and SEB receive regular updates on matters affecting all public sector unions to ensure that appropriate actions are taken by the Employer.

Other meetings

I also attend meetings with many organisations, including charities and other groups from the voluntary and community sector.