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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8TH MARCH 2016

Question

Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the short and long-term savings attached to his plans to outsource the cleaning and gardening services currently delivered by his department?

Answer

The Department for Infrastructure is working to meet the savings target of £4.6 million by 2019, internal service reviews are being conducted across all sections of the Department including Parks & Gardens and Cleaning Services. We are hoping that Parks & Gardens and Cleaning Services will contribute £1m to the savings target.

At this stage we cannot provide a detailed breakdown of the short and long term savings that may be achieved through outsourcing until we have concluded the tendering process for some of these services. However, estimated savings are at this stage following initial 'soft market' testing are £1m for the Department for Infrastructure and further savings for the States of Jersey as a whole are anticipated.

The procurement process has recently commenced and the pre-qualification questionnaire has now been published on the States Procurement portal. Only once the service reviews are completed alongside the evaluation of the tendering process will the Department be able to provide such a breakdown.