WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE STATES EMPLOYMENT BOARD BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 24th OCTOBER 2022 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 31st OCTOBER 2022

Question

Will the Chair indicate if funds have been put aside to be able to give States of Jersey Employees a full cost-of-living wage adjustment, and if not, why not?

Answer

The Government Plan 2023-2026 includes assumptions for inflation (including cost of living wage inflation) in the Reserve for centrally held items, based on economic assumptions for inflation provided by the Fiscal Policy Panel.

This Government Plan has been prepared in a time of ongoing economic uncertainty, and the Council of Ministers continues to monitor the situation. This is specifically referred to in the Government Plan on page 39. States of Jersey Employees will also benefit from the wider measures to support the cost-of-living in the mini budget and government plan such as the changes to Tax Allowances.

Any changes to salaries, including the consideration of cost-of-living adjustments, is subject to a negotiated outcome with trade unions.