

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY M.R. SCOTT OF ST. BRELADE
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 24th APRIL 2023
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd MAY 2023**

Question

“In relation to the Cabinet Office, will the Chief Minister –

- (a) confirm that she did not consult with the Council of Ministers or seek its prior approval of her selection of the Ministers and Assistant Ministers as members of her Cabinet Office as identified on the gov.je website;
- (b) advise the date and the way she informed all members of the Council of Members of their identity; and
- (c) advise what specific criteria, if any, she used to identify the individuals selected as leaders in ‘forensic, evidence-based, challenging and daring thought leadership’ above any other members of the Council of Ministers?”

Answer

- (a) Ministers are appointed by the States Assembly to specific portfolios. Assistant Ministers are appointed in accordance with Article 25 of the States of Jersey Law 2005. The Cabinet Office was created through operational change. No Ministerial appointments to it have been made.
- (b) Ministers were appointed by the States Assembly on 11th July 2022. The Chief Minister’s consent for the appointment of Assistant Ministers was confirmed by Ministerial Decision on 22nd July 2022. In respect of the Chief Minister, Deputy Stephenson was subsequently appointed as an Assistant Chief Minister on 24th August 2022 and Deputies Gorst and Millar were appointed as Assistant Chief Ministers on 7th February 2023.
- (c) I have sought to utilise the strengths of those who I have appointed as Assistant Chief Ministers, as well as seeking to develop the skills and experience of my ministerial team.

I am aware of concerns among States Members as to the formation of the Cabinet Office. I wish to re-emphasise that no separate ministerial structure for the Cabinet Office has been established or is in place.