

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2020**

**Question**

Will the Chief Minister provide a breakdown of the costs to the Government of Jersey, if any, of recruiting and engaging any outside consultants for the purposes of preparing or drafting publications, reports, publicity materials, press releases and any other Government publications (including in respect of the Government Plan) for the period 1st January to 26th September 2020?

**Answer**

The current state of Government records, with no central record of procurement information, makes both the collation of this report and detailing consultancy costs in any other way, such as that requested above, difficult within the time available to answer this question.

Additionally, the preparation of reports, press releases or publications will cross the entire Government and isolating those consultants who may have had an input into one of these would be a manual process and therefore this information also cannot be produced in the timeframe available.

Details of consultants are however published every six months under Proposition 59 which details the work they are undertaking. The next publication will be issued in December, if not sooner, for January to June 2020.

The ITS programme includes a requirement for timesheet capability which will allow assignment of individuals' time to projects which will eventually allow more detailed reporting on consultants' time.