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**8 The Greffier of the States on behalf of Deputy K.F. Morel of the Chief Minister regarding Government of Jersey employees who were resident in the United Kingdom, but who travelled to Jersey for work: (OQ.86/2020)**

Will the Chief Minister state what assessment, if any, has been undertaken of any risks arising from Government workers, who continue to travel between their homes in the U.K. and their workplaces in Jersey? Will he state when, if at all, any such workers will be required to choose whether to stay in Jersey to work, or to remain in the U.K. for the duration of the coronavirus crisis?

**Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré (The Chief Minister):**

The status of workers coming from the U.K. has been kept under continuous review and assessed against the advice being received by the Medical Officer for Health. As part of business continuity arrangements, a Government-wide assessment has been undertaken, which resulted in a recommendation accepted by the Emergency Council to suspend all non-essential business travel. We have identified all such travellers. Guidance was provided to Departments about what constituted non-essential travel, along with those considered essential workers who would be permitted to travel. We are in the process of reassessing that position in light of advice that there will be a likely requirement, as we are now seeing, of social distancing and possible further restrictions on travel to and from the U.K. So, depending where we are, we will be requiring workers to remain in either the U.K. or Jersey once restrictions remain in place. I will stop there. I am sure there will be some questions.