## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES BY DEPUTY C.D. CURTIS OF ST. HELIER CENTRAL QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 27th JANUARY 2025 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2025

## Question

"Will the Minister advise what plans, if any, he is considering to make the tendering and procurement process of Government contracts simpler and fairer for local businesses, and if he has none, will he explain why?"

## Answer

Procurement and Commercial Services are actively considering the tendering and procurement process of Government with a view to making the process and procedures simpler and more proportionate for local businesses.

This activity is set out in the Treasury Business Plan for 2025 in which we will deliver a refreshed Procurement Plan with a focus on proportionate controls and updating tender thresholds providing expert advice, corporate contracts, catalogue and framework reviews, supplier relationships, contract management and enhancing opportunities for local businesses. Regular engagement with local businesses, for example 'Meet the Buyer' events, will be undertaken to encourage feedback on the proposed changes as these are developed.

As part of this review process, we will also be determining if there are any international legal obligations that may affect or restrict consideration for Jersey-only competitions. The Public Finances Manual will be updated as appropriate to reflect any changes that are introduced.