Deputy K.F. Morel of the Chief Minister regarding the tender process for a 'One Gove New Office Developer Partner': (OQ.100/2020)

Will the Chief Minister advise the Assembly whether the tender process for a "One Gov New Office Developer Partner" was completed this month, as planned, and if so, how many firms submitted a tender and were any of them Jersey based?

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

The commercial process to source a development partner to support the development of a new One Gov office building is still ongoing. A contract notice inviting submissions from interested organisations was published via the Government's e-tendering portal in February 2020 along with the procurement documentation and timelines. The first stage submissions responding to this notice were received by the Government on 14th April 2020 as scheduled and these submissions are therefore presently being evaluated. This matter is the subject of ongoing live procurement in line with the guidance contained in the Public Finances manual and the Government will not be commenting on commercially sensitive matters relating to numbers of organisations tendering.

3.16.1 Deputy K.F. Morel:

Final supplementary? The project timetable states that this month, as well as the tender process being finished on 14th April, that the site development agreement will be completed. Has it been completed and, if so, how is that possible given that a site has yet to be chosen?

Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré:

I cannot inform the Deputy on the technical detail on that. I have been somewhat focused more on the whole coronavirus matters that have might have escaped the Deputy's attention that we have been dealing with. But I will come back and get that piece of information for him.¹

Deputy K.F. Morel:

If I may, this project is continuing so we have a right to ask questions about it.