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2. Deputy K.G. Pamplin of St. Saviour of the Minister for the Environment regarding the re-introduction of the Regulation of Care (Standards and requirements) (reinstatement of the Covid -19 Modifications) (OQ.8/2022)

Forgive me, my camera does not want to seem to be working this morning, but here I am. Further to the reintroduction of the Regulation of Care (Standards and Requirements) (Reinstatement of COVID-19 Modifications), will the Minister update the Assembly on any work that has been undertaken to understand the impact of this on care homes?

Deputy J.H. Young of St. Brelade (The Minister for the Environment):

The Care Commission assess on a case-by-case basis whether care homes can continue to satisfy the appropriate legal conditions, particularly where staff shortages caused by COVID apply and require them to disapply the statutory requirement for the sufficient number of workers to be skilled and qualified. The Care Commission provides regular updates to me and the Minister for Health and Social Services on the impact of COVID and, so far, I have received 3 such reports of care homes since 14th December concerning staff levels.

3.2.1 Deputy K.G. Pamplin:

I thank the Minister for his answer and his department's answers to my questions a month ago. Will those reports he has just alluded to be released to States Members, especially those in Scrutiny who are reviewing the COVID response, and what are his concerns since these regulations were brought back in place?

Deputy J.H. Young:

A very good question. I have the reports in front of me. I think what I can do now for the Deputy is to summarise those 3 reports without mentioning the homes' names. But as far as whether releasing them beyond that I would need to take advice on that but I will get back to the Deputy. If the Deputy wishes, I will summarise those situations but they are rather different between the 3 care homes.