

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING
BY DEPUTY S. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 30th JUNE 2009**

Question

Following on from the Strategic Plan, what sector, if any, in his department's service delivery does the Minister plan to privatise or outsource and how many jobs will this effect; further still, what savings are planned?"

Answer

As stated by the Chief Minister on 16th June 2009, in response to an oral question from Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier, all organisations change and adapt as technological improvements, economic conditions and other innovative opportunities arise. This applies equally to the public sector which must change and adapt, particularly in the current economic conditions. All departments need to keep the provision of their services under constant review, which must include whether there are more commercial ways of working or opportunities for wider private sector involvement. As such opportunities arise Departments will be expected to implement them as a means of improving efficiency and keeping costs down.

Members are aware that next month the Review of Social Housing undertaken by Professor Christine Whitehead from the Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research and London School of Economics will be circulated for consultation as a Green Paper. In that report Professor Whitehead does discuss options for the future status of the Housing Department. These options will be the subject of full consultation ahead of a debate in the New Year.