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3.13 Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade of the Minister for the Environment regarding building a windfarm in Jersey's waters: (OQ.215/2024)

Further to the adoption of P.82/2023, will the Minister update the Assembly on the policy and legislation required to move forward with building a windfarm in Jersey's waters?

Deputy S.G. Luce of Grouville and St. Martin (The Minister for the Environment):

I want to tell the Deputy and the Assembly that I remain committed to this important work. I will be bringing both the primary legislation and a proposition on the leasing of the seabed to this Assembly for debate within this term of Government. During the in-principle debate earlier this year there were a large number of questions from States Members that need to be resolved in order for us all to make an informed decision about the wind farm. My officers are now in the process of more detailed work to investigate these issues so that when I return here for further debates we can all make the most informed decision.

3.13.1 Deputy J. Renouf:

What discussions has the Minister, or his colleagues, had with Guernsey, the U.K. and France regarding such issues as potential market access and other related matters?

Deputy S.G. Luce:

I can tell the Assembly that only last week - at the beginning of last week, I think it was - I spent 2 days in Guernsey discussing climate impact and also wind farms. In those discussions were also officers from the Isle of Man. We are in regular discussions with both Guernsey and the Isle of Man about these issues. I know the Minister sitting alongside me met up with the U.K. Government Minister in New York recently, where he discussed wind farms. Certainly, I can tell the Assembly that my team and I are in regular contact with colleagues in France, including the Regional Department for the Environment, Planning and Housing, the 2 *Préfets* of Normandy and Brittany, the Parliament of the Sea and French Ministers. The issue or the subject of projects for wind farms is of great importance to France. They have huge aspirations for more offshore wind around us in the Baie de Seine and the Bay of Granville, and they are taking great interest. I just want to go back to the discussions I had with Guernsey recently, which was very good and fruitful, and Guernsey too are moving forward with their own plans.