## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY DEPUTY P.F.C. OZOUF OF ST. SAVIOUR QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2025 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 10th MARCH 2025

## **Question**

"Will the Chief Minister provide a breakdown of the percentage increase in cost for each of the main categories of household expenditure since June 2022, including, but not limited to, food, other groceries, insurance, and other significant costs; and will he advise which, if any, of these categories have risen at a rate exceeding that of the equivalent UK figures?"

## **Answer**

Information on the annual increase in cost for the main categories of household expenditure can be found in the Statistics Jersey Retail Prices Index statistics. The most recent release, December 2024, can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. The equivalent figures for the UK can be found in the Office for National Statistics Consumer Price Inflation statistics eg <a href="here">here</a>.

Over the longer period from June 2022 to December 2024, inflation, on as near as comparable basis as possible (Jersey RPIX and UK CPI), was 12% in Jersey and 11% in the UK.

In the 12 months to December 2024 the headline measures of inflation were more closely aligned, with the UK CPI at 2.5% and Jersey's RPI at 2.5%.

The categories of spend are not identical making like for like comparisons difficult. The only category of spend that is similar is food and non-alcoholic drink. For this category inflation on Jersey was 9.9% and in the UK it was 9.6%.

By category of spend, UK data is readily available from January 2023. So, to provide as near to a like for like comparison the answer has considered the change in prices, by category of spend for Jersey (Dec 2022 to December 2024) and for the UK (Jan 2023 to December 2024).