WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 22nd JUNE 2010

Question

"Will the Minister inform members on a department by department basis what grades of staff were involved in the drawing up of the Council of Ministers' summary of the savings proposals and assure members that it was not solely the efforts of Chief Executive Officers and senior finance and other administrative directors?"

Answer

I cannot do what the Deputy asks. There were many staff involved in suggesting ideas for the CSR submissions. Health and Social Services had a direct link on its intranet site together with a poster on every notice board asking staff for ideas. Other departments had workshops with various teams and encouraged contributions. I am advised that it was not solely the senior management teams who compiled the proposals.

I would stress that it is imperative that this process continues to encourage staff to contribute and participate because, as I have gone on record saying, it is our own staff that have some of the best ideas to improve services and save money.