

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES  
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th MAY 2010**

**Question**

“Given that the Minister advised members on 20th April 2010 that he had received comprehensive information on the first stage of the Corporate Spending Review from Ministers detailing how they would save 2% of their gross budgets along with user pays initiatives, growth bids and invest to save schemes, why he was unable to release this data to union representatives and to Scrutiny on 23rd April 2010?

Will he detail for members his new schedule for releasing this information to all stakeholders and give assurances that all proposals will be subject to thorough debate and scrutiny before coming to the Assembly in the Annual Business Plan 2011?”

**Answer**

The Council of Ministers received draft proposals from all departments, to achieve the 2% budget reductions in 2011, on 22 April 2010 but requested additional information ahead of their workshop on 6 May.

Last Thursday, 6 May 2010, the Council met in a workshop when all the proposals were discussed. All Ministers have committed to saving 2% in 2011 and, over the next two weeks, they will be working together to finalise the details before a second workshop planned for later this month. Once the Council of Ministers has approved proposals, they will be forwarded to Scrutiny and presented to union representatives for their consideration. The process of debate, discussion and scrutiny can continue up until the Business Plan is debated in September.