

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th MAY 2016**

Question

What progress has been made on introducing a new health tax and waste disposal tax and how much money has been spent so far on investigating the feasibility of introducing these new taxes?

Answer

The proposed measures for raising income to fund essential services are charges, rather than taxes.

Health Charge

The Deputy is referred to the answer provided to written question 9245

<http://www.statesassembly.gov.je/AssemblyQuestions/2016/Dep%20Southern%20to%20TR%20re%20health%20charge%20as%20proposed%20in%20MTFP.pdf>)

Since the provision of the previous answer there has been further workshops with the Council of Ministers and Chief Officers where a detailed options paper was presented. As outlined in the previous answer the Council of Ministers is committed to outlining plans for the health charge in the MTFP2 addition, scheduled to be lodged in June 2016.

In 2011 the Treasury sought external advice regarding the financing options for health and social services in Jersey; this advice cost £71,500.

Waste Disposal Charge

This element of the question would have been better directed to the Minister for Infrastructure. The following answer has been obtained from that Minister.

The Department for Infrastructure has been engaged in a number of workstreams, reviewing the operational areas of Waste and Municipal Services in particular, over the course of the last 8 months. One of these workstreams has considered the operational model for Waste and as a consequence includes work on the “user pays” basis for both liquid and solid waste processing. It is not possible to separate the cost of this work from the overall work on the operational model, efficiencies, structures, capital programme and consultations with interest groups.

The consultants employed by the department to review the operational model have submitted a draft Strategic Outline Case for the Waste Services division. Within this Strategic Outline Case there is discussion on potential “user pays” models for waste. However a decision on what model, if any, is adopted will have to be considered by the States at a future date.