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4 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the scientific evidence to support the announcement that masks should be worn in indoor public spaces (OQ.291/2020)

Will the Minister state what scientific evidence was used for the announcement that masks should be worn in indoor public spaces; and will he circulate a copy of the evidence to Members?

Deputy R.J. Renouf of St. Ouen (The Minister for Health and Social Services):

I can confirm to the Deputy that a copy of the 6-page evidence review *Mouth and Nose Coverings* was circulated to all Members on 7th October. The review collates much of the evidence base behind the use of mouth and nose coverings within community settings. The review is ongoing and has been used to underpin the development of updated guidelines on masks and other mouth and nose coverings in the community.

4.4.1 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet:

Would the Minister agree to provide States Members with a briefing when any significant public health changes are announced in the near future, please?

The Deputy of St. Ouen:

Yes, I have always tried to brief States Members on significant changes and I anticipate I would try and do the same when a debate date approaches for the legislation on masks, which has not yet been lodged but I hope it is going to be lodged very shortly.