WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY DEPUTY M.B. ANDREWS OF ST HELIER NORTH QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 7th APRIL 2025 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 14th APRIL 2025

Question

"Will the Chief Minister state how much the Government has spent on consultants, excluding those permanently employed in Health and Care Jersey, during 2024 and 2025 to date; and will he advise what actions, if any, are being taken to minimise the expenditure on consultants?"

Answer

The 2024 consultancy report is being finalised and will be published next month, once all year-end processes are completed and figures are confirmed. The report for 2025 will be published in early 2026.

There is a consultancy freeze running in parallel with the recruitment freeze, requiring all new consultancy contracts to be approved by the Chief Executive Officer, and indicative interim data is showing month-on-month reductions in costs in 2024 compared to 2023.