WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Ouestion

"Further to his response to Oral Questions without Notice on 4th February 2025, regarding the 1% funding mechanism for Arts, Culture and Heritage (ACH), will the Minister –

- (a) explain how much additional funding has been allocated to the ACH budget as a result of the States decision to adopt $\underline{P.69/2024}$;
- (b) detail how that additional funding has been spent to date; and
- (c) confirm that this additional funding for ACH has not been achieved by reallocating existing expenditure to the ACH budget?"

Answer

- (a) The twenty-seventh amendment to the proposed Budget 2025-2028 on arts, culture and heritage funding, included the commitment to review spending across Government "to ensure that the total expenditure on arts, heritage and culture is captured when considering the 1%." That work is currently underway, pending the outcome of this review, no additional budgets have been allocated to date.
- (b) To date the 1% budget within the Department for the Economy has been deployed as follows:

Arts Grants	£18,400
Lunar New Year Festival	£20,000
Ballet d'Jerri	£296,000
ArtHouse Jersey	£615,793
Jersey Heritage & Jersey Archive - Core + R&R	£3,258,818
Human resources	£25,780

(c) As set out in the answer to WQ.25/2025 the 1% funding for Arts, Culture and Heritage is spread across a number of departments and heads of expenditure. There is not a single "ACH budget", and it was never the intention that this should be the case. P.69/2024 sought to ensure that 1% of States revenue expenditure is for the purposes of Arts, Culture and Heritage. In calculating whether the 1% threshold is being met it is perfectly reasonable to consider whether existing expenditure across departments meets that definition, This is not "reallocating existing expenditure" but recognising that many departments have a useful contribution to make to furthering Arts, Culture and Heritage objectives.