WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, SPORT AND CULTURE BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th OCTOBER 2018

Question

Will the Minister advise members whether any grants or loans have been made to Woodside Farms over the last five years and, if so, will be state the purpose, terms and repayments made in respect of any such loans or grants?

Answer

To the extent that the relevant information is publicly disclosable, details of farmers who have received grants in the years 2015 - 2017, together with the amounts and the purposes of the grant awards, are a matter of public record. The information can be found in successive Rural Economy Strategies (R.4/2011 and R.19/2017 refer) and in the States of Jersey Financial Report and Accounts for the relevant years, which are free to access online via the following link –

https://www.gov.je/government/planningperformance/budgetaccounts/pages/statesofjersevaccounts.aspx

Grants made to Woodside Farms over the last five years, in accordance with the terms of several schemes, were as follows -

Woodside	2013	2014		2015	2016		2017
Rural Initiative Scheme	£ 33,130	-£	8,024	£ 150,000	£	150,000	£150,000
Rural Support Scheme	£ 45,348	£	46,512	£ 59,585	£	56,102	£48,580
Countryside	£ 800	£	4,263	£ -	£	9,000	£ 975
Enhancement Scheme*							

No loans were made to Woodside Farms.

^{*}This scheme is technically not within the control of the Minister for EDTSC but is included for completeness.