WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY DEPUTY T.A. VALLOIS OF ST. SAVIOUR ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2012

Question

Further to his confirmation at the States meeting of 6th November 2012 that the Council of Ministers is currently working to the social policy framework produced by its predecessors in 2007 and that he would be changing this during his term of office, could the Chief Minister provide details of what changes are being made?

When can the public expect to see a new social policy?

Which Ministers are involved in the development of this social policy?

Answer

The Social Policy Framework was approved by the Council of Ministers in March 2007. Since then the previous and current Council have done much that accords with the aims and key principles of that policy. The 2007 Social Policy Framework will be reviewed and refreshed by the Chief Minister's Department in 2013, working with all Departments.

It should be stressed however, that the current Strategic Plan seeks to deliver the right balance of economic and social policies - most notably, around unemployment, health, families and children, housing and immigration - and that this Council of Ministers is focused on delivering these priorities, within a refreshed social policy framework.