

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2025
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 10th MARCH 2025**

Question

“Further to the response to Written Question [69/2025](#), and noting that the Chief Executive’s presentation of 23rd January 2025, as [published on the Chamber of Commerce website](#), clearly makes reference to “54 new public funded ALOs since 2005”, will the Chief Minister –

- (a) provide the Government’s definition of what an Arms’ Length Organisation (“ALO”) is;
- (b) state whether he has any plans or intention to seek to disband any of the organisations or bodies listed in response to the Written Question; and
- (c) state whether he has any plans or intention to reduce or withdraw public funding from any of the organisations or bodies listed in response to the Written Question?”

Answer

- a) In his presentation, the Chief Executive used the term “ALOs and organisations linked to government” in a general sense to highlight the complexity and costs of governing.

The Government’s definition of Arm’s Length Body is published in the relevant section of the [Public Finances Manual](#) and has recently been updated to improve the categorisation of these bodies between “States Owned Entities”, “States Established Delivery Entities” and “States established Independent Bodies or office holders”.

- b) There are currently no plans to disband any of the organisations listed in the response to WQ.69/2025.
- c) There are currently no plans to withdraw public funding from any of the organisations listed in the response to WQ.69/2025. As to any reduction in expenditure, all financial allocations are subject to decisions taken in the approved 2025 Budget and which makes clear that government will be considering issues such as sharing of resources and cross-organisational working. In the current challenging financial context, it is appropriate that these issues are considered in conjunction with these organisations.