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3.9 Deputy M.R. Scott of the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development regarding a consultative group for policy development in relation to the medicinal cannabis industry (OQ.9/2024)

Will the Minister advise whether his department has, within the last 2 months, contacted any businesses in the Island with an interest in the medicinal cannabis industry with a view to forming a consultative group for policy development in this area; and if so, what mechanisms are being used by his department to ensure that all businesses in the Island with such an interest are contacted and are fairly represented?

Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity (The Minister for Sustainable Economic Development):

I thank the Deputy for her question. The department has not formed a consultative group for policy development in this area. I have set up such consultative groups in the past, for example, the formation of the Visitor Economy Steering Group but I have not in the case of medicinal cannabis. However, officers were approached by a local medicinal cannabis company requesting an introductory meeting between myself, officers and producer representatives of the newly constituted Jersey Cannabis Advisory Board. The Jersey Cannabis Advisory Board is an independent, industry-led producer group comprising of businesses currently licensed to cultivate medicinal cannabis in Jersey. It is not funded by Government, therefore current and future membership and terms of reference are a matter for the members of the Jersey Cannabis Advisory Board.

3.9.1 Deputy M.R. Scott:

To what extent is the Minister aware of policy officers consulting with the Jersey Cannabis Advisory Board in making its policy.

Deputy K.F. Morel:

I am not aware of officers in Government making policy for the Jersey Cannabis Advisory Board. The Jersey Cannabis Advisory Board's policies are their own to decide.