

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2014**

Question

Following the publication of the measures proposed to manage the Consolidated Fund (as amended) in the Addendum and Budget Statement (pages 75 to 78), will the Chief Minister inform members when he expects Ministers to report how they will deliver the measures that apply to their respective departments and whether he will undertake to publish a summary document of their responses, paying particular attention to:

- proposed 2% savings on departmental budgets;
- measures to deliver the 1% reduction in pay budgets;
- introduction/increases in user pays charges;

and if not why not?

Answer

It is important that Ministers take ownership of these efficiency savings and work together to minimise the impact on services. The Council of Ministers will receive a report early in 2015, which will identify how each department is delivering the required 2% savings for 2015.

The measures departments will use to deliver these savings on a recurring basis from 2016 will be required in order to provide an appropriate starting point for the next MTFP 2016-2019. The intention is that a summary of these measures will be provided in the MTFP Department Annex for 2016-2019 together with details of the progress of the 2015 pay negotiations.

The MTFP 2016-2019 is due to be presented to the States at the end of June 2015, 12 weeks before the proposed debate of 22 September 2015.