

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
BY DEPUTY I. GARDINER OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2020**

Question

In respect of on-arrival testing carried out at the Ports of Jersey, will the Minister –

- (a) advise whether the testing includes categorising travellers as –
 - (i) residents;
 - (ii) essential workers;
 - (iii) travellers for leisure;
 - (iv) travellers for business; or
 - (v) regular travellers (where regular travellers are defined as those who have had more than one test since the borders have opened);
- (b) if such categories exist, provide details of the numbers in each category and state whether he is considering bringing in a charge for any specific category of traveller to allay the cost, or part of the cost, of the test; and
- (c) advise what budget is available for the next 6 months for on-arrival testing?

Answer

- (a) All arriving passengers are tested, unless they are aged under 11 years or opt to self-isolate for 14 days or have had a negative test within 72 hours of arriving in Jersey. We do not classify the passengers in the way which is noted in the question for the purposes of statistics. Information is collected on the traveller's form to help determine the testing programme that an individual is required to go through.
- (b) At present, the Government does not charge for COVID tests on arrival. The fees and charges policy will remain under review in the coming months. Any proposed fees or charges will be brought to the Council of Ministers and the States Assembly for consideration.
- (c) The business case for on-arrival testing for 1 July – 31 December 2020 requests funding of £17.938m. The funding has been approved by the Council of Ministers.