WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY THE CONNETABLE OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2019

Question

Will the Chief Minister outline what events, if any, are planned by the Government of Jersey to mark the 75th anniversary of the Liberation of Jersey; and will he request confirmation from the Bailiff's Chambers of any such events they may also be planning in order that a consolidated list may be presented to members?

Answer

The Government of Jersey is supporting the Bailiff's Chambers and the Liberation 75 Working Group in delivering a programme of events for 2020, with a focus on the 9th May.

The working group last met on Tuesday 3rd September to discuss the progress of the planning with the Chief Officer of the Bailiff's Chambers. In due course Deputy Kevin Pamplin will be reporting back to the Bailiff's Consultative Panel, of which I am a member, with a meeting scheduled for Thursday 26th September. Subject to approval, these plans will be made public in due course.

I am advised that in addition to plans for Liberation Day, the working group have identified a number of individuals and organisations who wish to hold themed events as well as the Parishes holding respective events on 10th May.

Separately, we are exploring a wider, year-long series of events and activities with a focus on 2020 and the 75th anniversary. This will involve local businesses and organisations in the commemorations, with the aim of promoting Jersey, its economy and its unique identity externally.