

STATES OF JERSEY



ARRANGEMENTS FOR QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TO ALL MINISTERS (P.54/2020): AMENDMENT

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After the words “; and to agree” insert the words “that this should be for an hour and” and after the words “Government of Jersey” insert the words “for 45 minutes and that the remaining 15 minutes should be allocated for questions without notice solely to the Chief Minister”.

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Note: After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

to refer to their Act dated 22nd April 2020, in which they agreed that, until 1st October 2020, every scheduled meeting of the States would include a period of questions without notice during which questions might be put to any Minister about the response of the Government of Jersey to the Coronavirus crisis; and to agree **that this should be for an hour and** to remove the requirement that such questions be about the response to the Coronavirus crisis so that questions may be put to Ministers on any subject within the official responsibility of the Government of Jersey **for 45 minutes and that the remaining 15 minutes should be allocated for questions without notice solely to the Chief Minister.**

REPORT

This process will just be in place during the Covid-19 crisis.

Hopefully this will allow Members to question across all work-streams, whilst maintaining a focus on the Chief Minister, who is leading the Emergencies Council. This amendment acknowledges that this is the area to which most questions will be directed, and that many will be delegated to Ministers with specific responsibilities, but ensures that Members are able to specifically pose questions to the Chief Minister.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no financial or manpower implications arising from this amendment which cannot be absorbed within existing allocations.