WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES BY DEPUTY H.L. JEUNE OF ST. JOHN, ST. LAWRENCE AND TRINITY QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2024 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2024

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"Regarding grants and subsidies provided to third parties and States bodies, will the Minister advise –

- (a) the total amount provided in 2023 and 2024, set out as per Appendix A to the report <u>Organisations</u> receiving Grants of over £75,000 in 2020, 2021 and 2022;
- (b) any increase or decrease in Grants funding identified within the Proposed Budget 2025-2028; and
- (c) what mechanisms are in place to establish feedback on the outcome-based impact from those receiving grants and subsidies?"

Answer

- a) The Annual Report and Accounts (ARA) 2023 includes a detailed note on grants (Note 4.9, starting on page 231). This includes details of all significant grants (£75,000 and over). Both the ARA and the report the question refers to are based on a full year's audited figures. 2024 figures will be included in the ARA2024 in due course.
- b) Approvals in the Budget are at a Departmental Heads of Expenditure level. All departments in the 2025 Budget have received an allocation to allow for inflation on non-staff expenditure, alongside allocated savings targets. In line with the Council of Ministers Common Strategic Policy and individual Ministerial priorities departments may choose to reprioritise allocated funding which could either increase or decrease grants, but this information is not collated centrally. In some cases the Budget has identified specific growth and savings measures that directly relate to grants e.g. the savings to be delivered through a review of ALOs will be effected via a reduction in the relevant grants. Individual Ministers and their Accountable Officers will be discussing 2025 business plans with grant receivers as part of the governance requirements.
- c) The Public Finances Manual includes a number of requirements relating to both Grants and Arm's Length Organisations. Amongst these are that:
 - grants must be used for their intended purpose;
 - a funding agreement must be in place for all grants; and
 - value for money outcomes must be maximised.

Individual Accountable Officers have legal obligations relating to propriety, regularity and value for money. It is for the Accountable Officer of the department issuing the grant to ensure that they are achieving the desired and documented outcomes.