WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND HOUSING BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2020

Question

Will the Minister advise what consultation and communication with the Citizens' Panel, if any, will be undertaken following the decision not to proceed with the recommendation of a Jersey Care memorial?

Answer

I hope to meet with the Citizens Panel in the New Year to progress a way forward with the memorial element of the Legacy Project. Further to my appointment as Minister for Children and Housing earlier this month, I have already prioritised a briefing regarding the Citizens Panel's work and remain in contact with the officers who support the Panel process.

Following the public protest which took place in October, important work is continuing behind the scenes to engage with survivors who did not take part in the Citizens Panel process. We are listening to their views about how the Island should remember the failings addressed by the Care Inquiry. It is my intention to now steer this project to ensure we bring survivors together and identify an appropriate and sensitive way for Jersey to remember.