

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE
MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, SPORT AND CULTURE
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2021**

Question

Will the Minister provide the following information on the Jersey Cannabis Agency and the Jersey Cannabis Services Advisory Group –

- (a) their respective terms of reference;
- (b) details of any annual funding provided by the Government of Jersey;
- (c) when and where any information on both the Agency and the Advisory Group will be made public online; and
- (d) details of membership, where possible, including any Ministerial responsibilities that may have been assigned?

Answer

- a)** The UN Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961 mandates that signatories establish national cannabis agencies to regulate cannabis cultivation. The UK Home Office has designated its Drugs and Firearms Licensing Unit (DFLU) to serve as National Cannabis Agency for the UK. On the basis that the UK is the State Party to the Convention in respect of the Channel Islands, the DFLU – and by extension the Home Office – is directly concerned with the standards of regulation to be applied to cannabis cultivation in Jersey. The Jersey Cannabis Agency is established under an MoU with the UK Home Office which allows the Island to issue licenses to cultivate, possess and supply cannabis-based product for medicinal use as a regulatory authority (a sub-agency) in its own right. The Jersey Cannabis Services Advisory Group is currently an informal industry-led body that has been established to provide Govt. with a view on commercial industry development issues.
- b)** The ‘Jersey Cannabis Agency’ is simply the licensing authority in respect of licenses to cultivate and is administered by the Chief Pharmacist. No Government funding is provided to the Jersey Cannabis Services Advisory Group.
- c)** An Economic Development Framework for Cannabis Investment in Jersey is under development and which is anticipated to be completed in Q2 with an associated communication plan that will specify the roles and responsibilities of the various associated agencies.
- d)** The Jersey Cannabis Agency is effectively the Health Minister under MOU with the UK Home Office.