

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 21st APRIL 2020**

Question

Will the Chief Minister –

- (a) outline the organisational structure of any Government groups and ‘cells’ involved in dealing with the Coronavirus outbreak, including those supporting the Emergencies Council, the Strategic Command Group, the Strategic Co-ordination Group, the Tactical Group and the Recovery Group;
- (b) state which third-party organisations, if any, are participants in these groups or ‘cells’; and
- (c) advise whether there is a ‘business cell’ within this structure and, if so, state which sectors are directly represented in this ‘cell’?

Answer

- (a) There a number of working groups / cells that have been implemented to support the Government in dealing with the Coronavirus outbreak namely: Community, Workforce, Travel, Construction, Children, Young People, Education and Skills, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), the Nightingale build and Excess Deaths. These are supported with other government teams that remain working within their areas of expertise, for example Commercial, Modernisation & Digital, Public Health, Communications. It is worth noting that the States of Jersey Police are part of these groups as appropriate.
- (b) The main third-party organisations represented are: JT Global, Jersey Water, Jersey Gas, Jersey Electricity, La Collette Terminal Ltd, Andium Homes, Ports of Jersey, Jersey Post, Channel Islands Co-operative Society Ltd, Alliance, Waitrose and Sandpiper and other organisations are invited as an when appropriate. In addition, there are a number of volunteer organisations working with the Government.
- (c) There is not a ‘business cell’ but the recently combined Financial Services & Digital and Economy teams have re-allocated resource to lead on the business support and engagement activity. An external group was established to assess the impact of the package of measures that was developed and there is now a delivery group in place for implementation. There is also a Business Liaison Group with the Chamber of Commerce and Retail and Supply Chain Working Group. Sectors directly engaged in this work are Hospitality, Wholesale & Retailer, Agriculture and Fisheries.