WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY I. GARDINER OF ST. HELIER NORTH QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 9TH JUNE 2025 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 16TH JUNE 2025

Question

"Further to Oral Question 123/2025, regarding compensation for healthcare workers who have been left with serious health issues or life-changing disabilities as a result of contracting Covid-19 in the course of patient care, will the Minister advise –

- (a) what criteria were used to determine that compensation was not warranted and whether compensation schemes introduced in other jurisdictions were considered when reaching this decision:
- (b) whether he will engage with unions, professional associations, and affected individuals to explore alternative forms of support and, if not, why not; and
- (c) whether there are any circumstances under which he would consider revisiting this decision and, if so, what those circumstances are?"

Answer

- (a) I have reviewed the situation in the UK; there is currently no such compensation scheme.
- (b) I have been, and will continue, to engage with unions, professional associations, and affected individuals, as appropriate and with the support of the Director for Workforce.
- (c) Any developments in the UK, will inform my future consideration regarding a compensation scheme for healthcare workers who contracted Long Covid in the course of their employment.