

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 14TH JUNE 2016**

**Question**

Will the Minister detail for members what changes are under consideration for patient transport and travel both on and off-island for the years 2016 to 2019 along with his estimates for savings to be realised over this period in these areas including the numbers of posts likely to be lost?

**Answer**

The Health and Social Services Department is always seeking to deliver services to Islanders in the most efficient and effective way possible, while prioritising the safety of patients. As one would expect, services are always under review to ensure value for money.

The department is one of the priority areas identified by the Council of Ministers in the States Strategic Plan and as such is receiving almost £40 million of additional annual funding by 2019. However, like all areas of the public sector we are seeking to deliver savings through sustainable efficiencies, service redesign and cost reductions. Future plans are currently being finalised and will appear in the MTFP Addition. This would include changes, if any, to patient transport services or patient travel.

Ministers are finalising the proposals in the MTFP Addition, which follow the Strategic Plan agreed by the Assembly – to prioritise Health, Education, Infrastructure and Economic Growth and to balance the books by 2019 through savings, restructuring, economic growth & some charges.

The MTFP Addition is due to be lodged with the States Assembly on Thursday June 30th and detailed proposals for savings and investment will be made public on that date. States Members will receive a detailed briefing on the plan before it goes into the public domain.