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**13.9 Deputy M.B. Andrews of the Chief Minister regarding reform to the public sector (OQ.32/2024)**

Will the Chief Minister advise what consideration, if any, is being given to reforming the public sector and provide details of any proposed changes?

**Deputy L.J. Farnham (The Chief Minister):**

Discussions have begun on what steps might be taken to ensure the public service operates in the most cost-effective and efficient way to deliver the very best outcomes for our community. It is not the job for our Government but future Governments, and I know that is always going to be challenging. The Council of Ministers though is currently working to develop a thorough knowledge of the current position before reaching conclusions, but we are doing that work and we will keep Members updated accordingly.

**13.9.1 Deputy M.B. Andrews:**

Of course dialogue is very important among Ministers, however, what is the Chief Minister's personal views on what he would like to see in terms of public sector reform?

**Deputy L.J. Farnham:**

I want to start by saying I hold the public sector in the highest regard. We have some fantastic people working for the community through our organisation. But my view is that we can do better on efficiency. We can be more effective and that is what we are going to aim to drive out. We are going to try and deliver more efficiencies. We are going to try and deliver the most cost-effective outcomes for Islanders without compromising the service we provide and that might mean reprioritisation of priorities but we are looking at that now.