

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY THE CONNETABLE OF ST. BRELADE
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 11th APRIL 2022
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL 2022**

Question

“Following the Chief Minister’s assurance to members that relevant Emergency Council subordinate teams had been reviewing contingency plans and consulting with requisite non-government sector-specific experts, will the Chief Minister provide details of any non-government food security experts consulted since 24th February 2022 (the date of the Russian invasion of the Ukraine) and state what further engagement, if any, is anticipated?”

Answer

The Government of Jersey first reported on the Island’s food security in 2011, and again in 2017, looking in turn at the availability and affordability of food, securing the ability to produce food and guarding against supply shocks. Throughout 2019, with the potential for supply chain disruption resulting from a ‘no-deal Brexit,’ Government Officers analysed in detail the supply chains bringing food and sanitary goods to Jersey for retail and wholesale markets, food service, and the public sector; and they identified the risks inherent in these supply chains. Discussions held at that time, between Government Officers and retailers, helped to establish the lines of responsibility between public and private sector for Jersey’s food security; and (in close liaison with HMG) Government officers appraised the options available under the Emergency Powers (Food) Act 1991 for responding to supply chain disruption. These same Government Officers continue to be engaged in Jersey’s contingency planning to ensure that the island remains as food secure as practicable. They provide a detailed understanding of the on-island and off-island factors that might impact on our food security, and of the political and operational levers that can be used to mitigate these risks. The use of non-government, sector-specific experts in food security is limited at this point in time to Dr Steve Webster (author of the 2011 and 2017 reports), who is contracted to support IHE and government more broadly through Tautenay Ltd; and who also supported government in its “no-deal Brexit” planning.

Please also refer to WQ.119/2022.

<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Government%20and%20administration/R%20A%20Brief%20Review%20of%20Jersey%27s%20Food%20Security%2021022018.pdf>