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17 Deputy M. Tadier of the Minister for External Relations and Financial Services regarding the Russian nationals who were subject to the application of sanctions (OQ.120/2023)

Will the Minister inform Members of the total number of individuals who, as Russian nationals, are currently subject to the application of sanctions and advise whether the application of such sanctions exactly mirrors the sanctions imposed by the U.K. Government, with particular reference to those applied against Roman Abramovich?

Deputy I.J. Gorst (Assistant Minister for External Relations and Financial Services - rapporteur):

As of 8th June, there were 1,610 individuals, 228 entities designated for the purpose of an asset freeze under the U.K. Russia sanctions regime. The majority, if not all, of those individuals are Russian nationals and the information is publicly available on the U.K. Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation consolidated list. As designations are not listed by nationality, it is not possible to give a precise figure for how many Russian nationals are subject to an asset freeze designation. There are also a number of individuals who are Russian nationals designated under other sanctions regimes, such as the chemical weapons regime. Jersey implements all U.N. and U.K. asset freeze designations immediately and automatically. There is not a single individual or entity designated by the U.N. or the U.K. that is not designated in Jersey under any sanctions regime.

Deputy M. Tadier:

I am not sure how many questions I am going to have depending on the time, but I note that I do not remember if the parts of my original question about whether our system mirrors the U.K. system was answered.

The Bailiff:

I have assumed that it was inherent in the fact that all of the people who are designated in the other regimes mentioned by the Minister are automatically designated in Jersey. I had assumed that was an answer to the question.

3.17.1 Deputy M. Tadier:

I will take that as the clarification, thank you. So the supplementary is: has any of these individuals been removed from Jersey sanctions, from the lists, or had their requirements amended and, if so, why?

Deputy I.J. Gorst:

I am not aware of any individuals having been removed but I can confirm to the Deputy more formally than that, having been standing in today for the Minister. Of course the sanctions regime requires the issuing of licences to carry out various functions under those asset designations and that is the work of the External Relations Sanctions Division. Though any request for licences to carry out either payments or transfer of assets between one type of asset to another is carried out in line with the overall sanctions regime after appropriate professional advice.