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11 Deputy K.G. Pamplin of St. Saviour of the Chief Minister regarding the registration of charities by the Charity Commissioner: [OQ.140/2018]

Will the Chief Minister confirm how many charities have been officially registered by the Charity Commissioner; and will he advise whether any provision has been made for the commissioner to be provided with extra resources to process anticipated applications?

Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré (The Chief Minister):

339 online applications have been created but not yet submitted for approval, 62 applications have been submitted for approval, 43 of which have been reviewed by the commissioner and 13 registered. The commissioner has a small team of officers to support him in the discharge of his functions, he does not anticipate that extra resources will be required to process applications at present.

3.11.1 Deputy K.G. Pamplin:

I thank the Chief Minister for his answer. I just refer to the website with the first application which was publicly made through the media, which was Durrell, and the statement reads that: "It is important to note that there is no rush as there will be no impact on the current tax reliefs enjoyed by any charity in the short term provided that it has applied for registration by the end of the year, even if that registration has not been determined by the end of the year." However, it is important to stress that there are charities out there who are yet to apply. There are 315 noted on the Association of Jersey Charities. Does the Chief Minister agree that more could be done to raise this in the community sector?

Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré:

Just for clarification, does the Deputy mean raise awareness?

Deputy K.G. Pamplin:

Yes.

Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré:

One can always raise more awareness. I think the fact that there are 339 online applications, I believe is the figure I have been given, would imply there is certainly awareness out there. Do we need to do more? If the Deputy thinks we need to do more, then please let me know.