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15 Deputy R.J. Ward of the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture regarding the Ports Policy Group (OQ.155/2023)

May I, before I ask this question, just ask who is answering it and where the answer has come from? If it was given to the Assistant Minister directly from the Minister, then I would be interested in the answer, but if it is officers writing an answer without any Ministerial involvement, then I am effectively not asking the Minister a question.

The Deputy Bailiff:

Yes. Who will respond to this question?

Deputy A. Curtis (Assistant Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture - rapporteur):

That will be me, Sir. This answer is a combination of talking to officers, my own knowledge of the process, and speaking to the Minister last week.

The Deputy Bailiff:

Do you want to pursue your question?

Deputy R.J. Ward:

Not really, Sir. I submitted this question by the deadline on Thursday. Can I ask the Assistant Minister whether that conversation took place and when, then, and was the Minister here? Because, to be quite frank, this question time is becoming utterly pointless.

The Deputy Bailiff:

Well, I think you either put your question now or another time. Do you want to put it another time?

Deputy R.J. Ward:

Can I ask it to be taken as a written question and have a written reply to this or not?

The Deputy Bailiff:

In view of the time, yes, because we have many questions left. Yes, you can.

Deputy R.J. Ward:

I may as well, Sir, because, no offence to the Assistant Minister, I am sure he will do a very amicable job, an extremely well-delivered response. However, this is about Ministerial plans.

The Deputy Bailiff:

If you are content to answer the question in writing?

Deputy A. Curtis:

Yes, Sir, we are.

The Deputy Bailiff:

Yes, thank you.

The Minister provided the following response on 27/07/2023:

Answer

This priority has been delivered. The group has been re-established and meets Quarterly and works to provide strategic direction to Ports of Jersey and ensure alignment with Government priorities. The terms of reference for the Ports Policy Ministerial Group were approved by the Chief Minister in November 2022 and are available on the Government website.

To date the group has met to provide input on matters including, but not limited to, Jersey's Harbour Masterplan, and air and sea connectivity.