WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE ASSISTANT CHIEF MINISTER BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. JOHN QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2021 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2021

Question

Further to Written Question 381/2021, and subsequent unanswered e-mails, will the Assistant Chief Minister –

- (a) advise whether the final schedule of accommodation for the design of 'Our Hospital' is now available and if so, provide an answer to that question in full; and if not, commit to providing a complete answer when the schedule is available; and
- (b) state the square meterage allocated for growth and the square meterage for car parking, and if such an area identified for growth is used initially for another purpose, explain what will happen when growth space is then required?

Answer

(a) The Schedule of Accommodation is currently being finalised in preparation for the submission of the planning application. It is due to be submitted in November and will be available on the Our Hospital website at the same time as the Planning Submission. The square meterage for areas referred to in WQ381 will then be available and it will be possible to provide the details requested by the Connétable.

The November 2021 Schedule of Accommodation will continue to evolve to reflect ongoing discussions with stakeholders, including clinicians.

(b) The area allocated for growth will be around 15% of the final total square meterage of the main building. Designs are still evolving and will need to reflect any planning decisions. The total area for car parking is currently approximately 16,000 square meters.

The design includes flexible internal spaces so that services can be reviewed as required or adjusted to meet patient demand or changes in medical practices in future as they arise.