

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 17th JUNE 2024
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 24th JUNE 2024**

Question

“Further to the response to Written Question [206/2024](#), will the Minister advise how many individuals were spoken to or interviewed by Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache of St. Clement, and of this number –

- (a) how many were spoken to because they had contacted the Minister expressing a wish to speak to him; and
- (b) how many were spoken to because they were contacted by Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache without having requested to speak to the Minister?”

Answer

In relation to the original question, Deputy Bailhache met with or spoke to approximately 30 individuals

In relation to questions (a) and (b), no formal record was kept, simply because it was not a formal process. Having spoken to several clinicians directly, shortly after taking office, it soon became clear that there was much discontent within their ranks informing me that others were keen to discuss their concerns.

Given the time this would have taken I took the decision to ask Deputy Bailhache if he would be kind enough to undertake this piece of work on my behalf. Given his background as a former Bailiff and long serving and well-respected member of the States, I felt I could rely on him to undertake the task with complete integrity.

I anticipated that from the time at which Deputy Bailhache took over the work that he too would receive various requests, and or, referrals. I believe that was the way in which it progressed.

It did not seem important at the time to keep formal records of the process, nor does it seem important with the benefit of hindsight. As an elected representative, with new Ministerial responsibilities for a large, complex and troubled portfolio, I saw no crime in listening to the thoughts and feelings of clinicians, in much the same way as I would, and indeed have, for many others including patients.