

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 5th JULY 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 12th JULY 2021**

Question

“In light of responses provided during a recent ‘Meet the Ministers’ event to questions about the Chief Minister’s nominee for Minister for Children and Education, in which it was stated that Ministers “share the ideology of the Chief Minister and Government”, will the Chief Minister –

- (a) explain what consideration, if any, has been given by either the Chief Minister individually, or the Council of Ministers as a whole, to the development or agreement of an ideology for the Government; and
- (b) advise members what assessment process, if any, he followed to determine which members he wished to propose to fill the most recent Ministerial vacancies in accordance with Standing Order 117 and whether (and how) this process included consideration of the members’ alignment with the Government’s objectives and any such ideology that has been identified?”

Answer

- a) In so far as the Council of Ministers has a codified ideology, it exists in the form of the Common Strategic Policy. Members will recall the development, publication and subsequent adoption by the States Assembly of the [Common Strategic Policy](#) (CSP) which was informed by the views of Islanders and Ministers and continues to inform Government policy. The five priorities contained within the CSP have been reflected in the subsequent Government Plans of 2019 and 2020.
- b) Nominations for Ministerial office follow a political process based on a variety of nuanced considerations. Members may recall that I outlined my reasons for supporting both nominees in an email to all Members on Sunday 27th June.