7 Deputy K.G. Pamplin of St. Saviour of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding a review of 'Health and Social Services: A New Way Forward' (P.82/2012): [OO.170/2018]

Following the response of the Department for Health and Community Services to the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on the department's governance arrangements, will the Minister be undertaking a review of the provisions of P.82/2012 once the new H.C.S. (Health and Community Services) board and committee structure is in place?

The Deputy of St. Ouen (The Minister for Health and Social Services):

We are not simply waiting until new structures are in place, we are doing work at the moment to take stock of progress that we have made on P.82 and consider the model that brings together health and care services in Jersey. This may result in different plans for the delivery of the benefits described in P.82 but it remains consistent with the principles of P.82 to deliver safe sustainable care closer to home to support people to live their healthy lives. Senator Ferguson asked me a very similar question on 25th September 2018 and I undertook to return to the States with a progress report before Easter of next year.

4.7.1 Deputy K.G. Pamplin:

I thank the Minister for his comments. I referred to P.82, which has made some really interesting bedtime reading of late, which I apologise to my daughter for, but service redesign on this scale it says has never been proposed by a States of Jersey department. As the Comptroller raises a lot of issues about the governance, will part of the review of P.82 be looking to bring it back to the Assembly to see what parts of P.82 were in fact undeliverable and, given the changes going on and the new people coming to the Island looking at the changes and where the primary care model of Jersey could develop in the next few years, this could come back to the States Assembly to debate?

The Deputy of St. Ouen:

I think it quite possible. It is impossible just at the moment to say a firm yes or no to that because we are still doing the work around the review. But clearly there are major issues, such as how we might fund primary care, which I imagine is not just something for one department, but would involve the whole Council of Ministers and quite possibly a debate in this Assembly. But I cannot say for certain exactly what might return; all this is under review and in the planning stage.

The Bailiff:

Deputy, how old is your daughter? Are you really reading her States propositions? I am quite worried about that.

Deputy K.G. Pamplin:

Yes, and it is a nice moment to say good morning to the class of year 5 at St. Lawrence Primary School who are indeed watching this Assembly, and in fact I am being replaced by my daughter who will be taking my seat next Monday, so look out. [Approbation]