WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 13th JULY 2020

Question

Further to the response to Written Question 161/2020, will the Chief Minister -

- (a) provide details of the membership of the Economic Council set up to plan for the Island's economic recovery;
- (b) state how many meetings the Council has held since its inception;
- (c) advise how States members can access the minutes of these meetings; and
- (d) in light of the statement that "the Chief Minister is in the process of establishing a governance structure for planning and delivery of our economic recovery", provide details of this governance structure?

Answer

- a) The Economic Council membership comprises:
 - Jennifer Carnegie President, Chamber of Commerce
 - Matthew Corbin Professional services and technology sectors
 - Lesley Dickie Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust / charity sector
 - Senator Lyndon Farnham Chair
 - Jen Geddes Financial services sector
 - Philip Hewat-Jaboor Arts & culture
 - Martin Holmes Construction sector
 - Becky Houzé Agricultural sector
 - Kevin Keen Tourism sector
 - Deputy Carolyn Labey Minister for International Development/ Island Identity/ Community
 - Marina Mauger Trade Union representative
 - Brendan McMahon Non-executive director
 - Alex Ohlsson Professional services sector
 - Rina Rodrigues Princes Trust/ Youth Service Ambassador
 - Lisa Springate Chair, Institute of Directors
 - Tony Taylor Sport & well-being
 - A digital sector representative is awaiting employer confirmation to join the Council
- b) The Economic Council has now met on 3 occasions
- c) The progress of the Economic Council has been shared with the Scrutiny Panel members, but its work is currently 'policy in development' and minutes are not currently available.
- d) The Chief Minister chairs the Economic Recovery Political Oversight Group. This group will receive sight of meeting minutes, papers etc from the Economic Council and the High Level Working Group (a group of senior officials and executives from Arms Length Organisations such as Visit Jersey).

The Government Plan 2021 will provide a first formal positioning of initiatives that the Council of Ministers propose for long-term economic recovery and renewal. Separately, the Minister for Treasury & Resources will shortly bring forward proposals for a fiscal stimulus programme to support short-term recovery amongst island households and businesses.