

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE ASSISTANT CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2019**

Question

What action, if any, is being taken to ensure IT projects in the Government Plan are future-proofed (for example, projects for ambulance staff to record patient information digitally and the development of new patient record systems in the future hospital) and what measures are specifically being taken to avoid the unnecessary duplication of systems and any incompatibility of systems with the projects for which they are being used?

Answer

The Chief Operating Office's Modernisation and Digital ('M&D') function are seeking to introduce a best practice, rigorous, operational risk management process. This will include undertaking exercises to both log and fully assess the Government of Jersey ('GoJ') Technology estate, creating a meaningful asset register. The asset assessment will enable the GoJ to reduce its risk exposure, by enabling the removal of, and future prevention of, system duplication and incompatibility issues. In addition, the M&D Business Architecture function, which will be fully functional in early 2020, will be monitoring all new IT initiatives, to ensure the prevention of deviances from GoJ architectural standards moving forwards.

Increasingly technology solutions will be implemented using a Service as a Solution (SAAS) or Platform as a Solution (PAAS) approach. Purchasing solutions through this method will create an environment which is automatically updated by the Supplier. This will reduce the GoJ reliance on bespoke development which invariably requires major system refresh programmes to ensure alignment with future developments.

Cost of Producing Answer

As a means of giving an approximate indication to the time and cost of producing an answer to a written question, it has been decided that answers shall include a cost, broken down by civil service grade:

Consultant: £37
Civil Service Grade 12 x10min: £5.30
Civil Service Grade 15 x15min: £11.25
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Director Tier1 x 10min: £13.50

Total £77.05