

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. BRELADE
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2021**

Question

Will the Minister advise members what assessment, if any, has been undertaken of the policy of contracting out estate management, as opposed to using 'in-house' staff, and whether any such assessment has judged the policy to be successful; and will he provide an outline of any cost savings that have been achieved through this policy?

Answer

Discrete activities under the estate management umbrella are currently contracted out, elements of property maintenance and individual valuations sales or rent reviews where there are insufficient resources internally to manage the workload. The discrete packages avoid commercial conflicts of interest and allow competition for the work, however, even with competitive tender, the packages of work are more expensive than keeping the functions in house.

No formal assessment has been undertaken to contract out the entire management of the estate as it is assessed to be more expensive and less responsive than keeping it in house.