WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER CENTRAL QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 23rd JANUARY 2023 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 30th JANUARY 2023

Question

"Will the Minister provide members with a detailed analysis of the survey of "attitudes to healthcare funding", as referred to in response to Oral Question 132/2022, and ensure that such analysis includes –

- (a) the sums paid to the health economists who directed the research;
- (b) the use of focus groups; and
- (c) the use of sortition techniques and other methods to avoid the possibility of any hidden bias in the survey;

and will the Minister agree to publish these details in advance of any launch date for the survey?"

Answer

As advised in a letter dated Friday 27 January 2023 to the Chair of the Health and Social Security (HSS) Scrutiny Panel:

"...having considered the questionnaire in more detail and sought the advice of colleagues, I have decided that it would be in the public interest to instead consult on various funding options rather than proceed with a more general attitudinal questionnaire."

Therefore, as I will not be progressing the attitudinal survey and there will not be a lunch, I cannot commit to publishing the requested details in the way asked by the question. I am, however, happy to provide this information through the scrutiny process if the Chair of the HSS Panel wishes.

At time of writing, I am due to meet the HSS Scrutiny Panel to discuss sustainable healthcare funding in April and if the Panel wishes to do so, I have agreed to bring this meeting forward in light of the above change.