

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 4th MARCH 2024**

Question

“Regarding the funding of Health and Community Services, and following the previous Minister’s response to [WQ.244/2023](#), will the Minister provide his assessment of the results to the Health Funding Attitudes Poll and detail his plans for the following –

- (a) the financing of future options;
- (b) the engagement of the Government with Healthcare Providers; and
- (c) reforms, if any, proposed for the Health Insurance Fund?”

Answer

I am reviewing the results of the Health Funding Attitudes Poll and the future funding options, and I will share my assessment as soon as I am able to do so:

- (a) As set out in WQ.244/2023 the health funding attitudes poll was undertaken in 2023 and received 1,144 valid responses. It was undertaken to help inform the development of future funding options for the Island’s health care system.
- (b) It is anticipated that there will be initial discussions with health care providers in Q2 to Q3 2024 to help inform the development of those options prior to consideration by the Assembly.

Any options will clearly involve careful consideration of any potential changes to the Health Insurance Fund given its importance to Jersey’s health funding system and the need to invest in prevention, primary care and community-based services if we ensure the future sustainability of our health and care system, and protect the health and wellbeing of islanders.