

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
BY DEPUTY M.R. LE HEGARAT OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 21st JANUARY 2020**

Question

When is the contract with EY for the modernisation of public finances due to be completed; is it envisaged that EY will be used for any further such contracts and, if so, will any such contracts be subject to a tender process?

Answer

The original contract with EY, as Strategic Partner, had a term of 15 months – running from 22 August 2018 to 22 November 2019. However, it has always been recognised, including by the C&AG, that Finance Transformation will take a number of years, and provision was made in the contract to allow for extensions to the term of up to one year. The Treasury and Exchequer Department has chosen to exercise this extension to deliver additional projects – focusing on the implementation of Accounting Automation and Zero-Based Budgeting. These extensions followed procurement procedures, with exemptions in place to justify why no tendering was undertaken. This included the value of leveraging EYs existing knowledge of the organisation through the work they have undertaken on this, and other programmes.