

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY S. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 30th JUNE 2009**

Question

Following on from the Strategic Plan, what sector, if any, in his department's service delivery does the Minister plan to privatise or outsource and how many jobs will this effect; further still, what savings are planned?"

Answer

As I stated on 16th June 2009, in response to an oral question from Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier, all organisations change and adapt as technological improvements, economic conditions and other innovative opportunities arise. This applies equally to the public sector which must change and adapt, particularly in the current economic conditions. All departments need to keep the provision of their services under constant review, which must include whether there are more commercial ways of working or opportunities for wider private sector involvement. As such opportunities arise Departments will be expected to implement them as a means of improving efficiency and keeping costs down.

Previously I have informed States members of a good example of this in the recent exercise tendering for the improvement and upgrading of the States website in my own department. As a result a consortium of private companies successfully bid for and are now undertaking not only the development but also future provision of web facilities.

There are no current plans to privatise or outsource any further parts of the Chief Minister's Department's services, although if opportunities arise to improve service or cost to the public they will be fully evaluated.