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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY DEPUTY J.M. MAÇON OF ST. SAVIOUR ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 18th JUNE 2019

Question

Following the adoption of 'Jerriais: promotion by the Public Sector' (P.143/2018), as amended, will the Chief Minister explain when, and how, communication was undertaken with the relevant bodies to ensure implementation of Part 2(d) of the proposition, namely that, in so far as was reasonably practicable, the policy arising from the adoption of P.143/2019 should also extend to the courts and those bodies wholly or partly owned by the States or in receipt of States funding, with implementation plans to be included in their next annual reports?

Answer

As Chief Minister I am finalising guidelines for the adoption of Jèrriais in our official signage and letter heads, and those of our arms-length organisations, and in the meantime, we have been adopting the principles agreed by the Assembly, increasingly using Jèrriais.

However, government does not hold, and nor should it assume, responsibility for directing or encouraging the courts to adopt decisions of the Assembly. That is a matter for them, and the institutions of the Assembly. Similarly, part- or wholly-owned entities, and bodies that we fund, are not under our direction in terms of their branding and signage.

However, once our guidelines have been completed, I am perfectly content for the relevant parts of Government, (including our shareholder function), to promote our new guidelines with these entities. Indeed, we would encourage all companies and organisations to consider the use of Jèrriais.