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Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding an update on the tax of private jets (OQ.14/2025):

Will the Minister provide an update on the progress to impose a tax on private jets?

Written Answer provided in accordance with Standing Order 63(9)

The Government Plan 2024-27 set out a commitment to investigate the introduction of a tax or charge on the operation of private aircraft, rather than a commitment to impose a new tax.

In line with that commitment, a working group, including representatives from Government and the Ports of Jersey (PoJ), met throughout 2024 to develop potential options. The group explored various options aligned with the current Common Strategic Policy objective to ensure that Jersey's business environment remains "attractive and competitive, which is essential if our economy is to continue to provide employment and funds for our infrastructure and public services".

Alongside but independent to this work, PoJ proposed increasing the current landing and take-off fees for private aircraft. This charge, currently set at £34 per movement which is comparatively low, will double (to £68). The revenue generated from this charge will be ring-fenced for PoJ's decarbonisation initiatives.

PoJ anticipates that consultation on this proposed charge will commence in Q1 2025 with implementation anticipated by mid-2025.

Given these developments, I intend to recommend to the Council of Ministers that work on a new tax is paused. This pause will allow time for the PoJ charge to be introduced, monitored and evaluated.

The work undertaken to-date to develop options for a Government tax or charge remains valuable and can be revisited by Ministers in future.