

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th JULY 2019**

Question

Will the Minister list all consultants and consulting firms engaged by his Department between 1st January 2018 and 30th June 2019, specifying the duration and value of the contracts, and confirm whether each consultant / consulting firm was engaged following a competitive tender process or whether alternative quotes from other consultants / consulting firms were sought before each appointment was made?

Answer

An initial analysis has been undertaken of all the consultants and consulting firms that have been employed within those areas of my remit between 1 January 2018 and 30 June 2019. Approximately 400 consulting firms or individuals have provided the department with professional services and around 200 may have done so as part of other work. The large number of capital and revenue projects undertaken by the department (including major projects such as the new Sewage Treatment Works, Future Hospital and Les Quennevais School) means that specialist firms are brought in on a regular basis to supplement in-house resources. It is likely that a proportion of these firms and individuals would have provided some consulting services in accordance with Financial Direction 5.6U, Management of Consultants, namely:

2.1.1 Consultants may only be engaged by the States of Jersey to perform work where:-

- *Professional, independent and expert advice or services are required; or*
- *Specialist professional knowledge and/or expertise are not available in-house.*

The professional services would have included:

- Architectural, structural and civil engineering design;
- Surveying;
- Project Management services;
- Production of reports providing recommendations for the department, e.g. consultancy

Given the number of consulting firms and individuals, it has not been possible to collate all of the information requested by Deputy Morel in the timeframe.

However, there is a corporate intention to produce a report by October in accordance with the response from the Chief Minister and my officers will work to produce the information in accordance with this timescale.