WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES BY DEPUTY S.Y. MĖZEC OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 28th APRIL 2015

Question

Could the Minister provide an update on what progress, if any, has been made towards fulfilling the commitments the States agreed to in P.123/2014, 'Freedom for Life Ministries: grant from Criminal Offences Confiscation Fund'?

Answer

Following the adoption of P123/2014 on 24 September 2014 the Minister for Home Affairs endorsed an application to the COCF for a grant of £200,000 for the Freedom for Life Ministries – Refurbishment of Life Centre (FFLM) drop-in facility.

On 8 January 2015 the Attorney General confirmed that 'the purpose set out in Deputy Higgins' Proposition accords with the statutory purposes for use of the COCF'.

The project is now progressing and officers within the Home Affairs Department are finalising a Grant Agreement (in order to comply with the requirements of Financial Direction 5.5, Management of Grants) and funds will shortly be drawn down from the COCF by the Home Affairs Department, with the agreement of the Minister for Treasury and Resources, in order to facilitate the grant payment to the FFLM.

The Directors of FFLM have been advised of the process.