

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY M.B. ANDREWS OF ST HELIER NORTH
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2024
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024**

Question

“Will the Chief Minister advise the amount of Government funding provided to Arms-Length Organisations (“ALOs”) and States-Owned Entities (“SLOs”) during 2024, and whether any consideration has been given to the current structure of ALOs and SLOs, in particular with a view to streamlining through mergers or closure of certain entities, and if no such discussion has taken place, why not?”

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The budgeted funding for 2024 was as follows for the following ALOs specified in the Public Finance Manual:

- Digital Jersey - £2,093,000 (plus £160,000 Digital Economy Strategy funding)
- Visit Jersey Limited - £4,787,000
- Jersey Sport - £1,929,000
- Jersey Arts Trust - £1,187,000
- Jersey Arts Centre Association - £ 885,000
- Jersey Opera House - £800,000
- Jersey Heritage Trust - £5,865,000
- Jersey Finance Limited - £6,316,000
- Jersey Business Limited - £1,710,000
- Jersey Consumer Council - £137,000

The final figures will be provided in full for all ALOs and SOEs in the Annual Report and Accounts which will be published in May 2025 showing the actual funding allocated in 2024.

As for all Government departments, Ministers are assessing whether there are potential efficiency improvements across the ALOs, including removing any duplication, more joint working, better support of strategic priorities, and opportunities for shared facilities and back-office functions.

The Minister for Sustainable Economic Development has initiated discussions with Digital Jersey and Jersey Business to review how the organisations might be structured in future to ensure maximum effectiveness in attracting and supporting businesses, promoting innovation and identifying productivity improvements. These discussions are still under way and no conclusions have been reached regarding mergers or closure of any body.

As this work progresses, the relevant Scrutiny Panels and States Members will be updated on developments.

The following States-owned entities do not receive grant funding from the Government. They are commercial and financially self-sufficient.

- Andium Homes Limited
- Jersey Post International Limited
- JT Group Limited
- The States of Jersey Development Company Limited
- Ports of Jersey Limited
- The Jersey New Waterworks Company Limited
- Jersey Electricity Plc

