

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO  
THE MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE  
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 4th DECEMBER 2023  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 11th DECEMBER 2023**

**Question**

“Will the Minister advise –

- (a) whether he supports the proposed increase in duty on alcohol set out in the draft Government Plan 2024-2027, and if he does, provide his rationale for such support, and if he does not, confirm whether he made these concerns known at the Council of Ministers; and
- (b) whether he supports the framework that prohibits promotions on alcohol sales, including happy hours, and if he does, provide his rationale for such support, and if he does not, confirm whether he made these concerns known at the Council of Ministers?”

**Answer**

a) The Deputy will be aware that the Council of Ministers have proposed an amendment to Amendment 25 which I support.

b) As the Deputy will be aware, I have committed in my Ministerial Plan to review and progress amendments to the licensing law during 2024 following the completion of the Visitor Economy Strategy this month. This review will be undertaken alongside businesses and relevant stakeholders and will consider a range of changes to the sale of alcohol including drinks promotions. My aim is for this to be an objective review and my position will be formed on the basis of the evidence collected.