

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 18th JANUARY 2011**

Question

Will the Minister detail the dates of any meetings and telephone conversations that he and his Department or ministerial colleagues have had with their counterparts in Guernsey and the Isle of Man (including informal meetings at conferences etc) on the question of zero/ten, their attitudes to EU Harmful Tax talks, the UK Treasury stance on zero/ten or to possible successors to the zero/ten tax regime over the last two years?

Answer

I, and my ministerial colleagues, meet regularly with our counterparts in Guernsey and the Isle of Man to discuss all matters of interest between the islands, including zero/ten. It would be an inappropriate use of resource to list details of the dates of every meeting and telephone conversation. Officers of the three islands have also been in regular contact throughout this period.

I have kept Members informed of all matters relating to zero/ten including providing them with a detailed report setting out all of the issues in relation to the Code Group's assessment of our business tax system <http://www.gov.je/Government/Pages/StatesReports.aspx?ReportID=495>. A copy of the briefing that was given to the Code Group when it met on 19th November 2010 has also been circulated. These two documents set out the process very clearly.