Deputy G.P. Southern of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding £6.6 million additional investment (OQ.356/2020):

Will the Minister explain how the £6.6 million additional investment allocated to the Jersey Care Model (reference CSP2-1-05) in the Government Plan 2021-2024 will be spent in 2021, as well as the expenditure on the model in 2022, 2023 and 2024; and will he set out the proposed order in which services involved will be delivered?

The Deputy of St. Ouen (The Minister for Health and Social Services):

This is going to be extremely difficult to answer in the time usually allotted because it is seriously detailed and all of this information is in P.114 relating to the Jersey Care Model and which the Assembly has debated; it was also discussed in the debate. It is a question that really suits a written answer rather than an oral but I will list expenditure as requested. In 2022, it is £12.1 million, in 2023 it is £20.9 million, in 2024 it is £33.1 million. It should be remembered that there are also benefits and savings accruing during those years and by 2025 those savings will exceed the expenditure on the care model. The Deputy also asks about the proposed order in which services involved will be delivered. Again, that is in the proposition at page 174 and following. The proposed order of delivery is in 3 tranches, so next year there will be work in establishing an enhanced public health function, a significant amount of work around digital, there will be the creation of an Islandwide workforce plan and a focus on community and intermediate care, intermediate care being a help to assist patients either coming into hospital or recently released from hospital. In the following years, there will be the implementation of a rigorous commissioning framework with community and social care partners. There will be support to acute services to shift the model of care away from acute into community roles where appropriate and further work on launching schemes, which would deliver services in the community with external partners, including a rapidresponse team and reablement, all the time undergoing detailed planning, assessment and modelling with all the stakeholders involved in the care model. I hope that assists in giving a brief oral description of a very detailed plan that is fully recorded in the proposition.

The Deputy Bailiff:

Yes, that completes the time allotted for oral questions. Deputy Pamplin, I am ensured that your urgent question is the first question put to the Chief Minister when we come to questions without notice to the Chief Minister.

Deputy G.P. Southern:

That is the most unsatisfactory outcome. We have let questions drift there. There were only 13 questions asked and I have been cut short on my particular question. I have found that unsatisfactory.

The Deputy Bailiff:

We now move on to questions without notice ...

Deputy R.J. Ward:

May I ask a question?

The Deputy Bailiff:

Yes, Deputy Ward.

Deputy R.J. Ward:

Given that there was an urgent question lodged, is there no facility to take that urgent question and follow up beyond the questions without notice to the Minister? We are in a very particular situation at the moment with COVID and I think for the public interest, I think we should really consider that. I do not know if I can propose that we do that and get the Assembly to vote on it but I would propose that we take that question separately.

The Deputy Bailiff:

We cannot extend the period for question time under Standing Orders but during the course of questions to Ministers without notice, I will consider whether we can allow a specific period of time just to deal with that question. The first period of questions without notice is to the Minister for Infrastructure. Are there any questions for the Minister for Infrastructure?