

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY
SCRUTINY PANEL
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2015**

Question

Does the Chairman consider that the lack of a current governmental alcohol strategy should be of concern to this Assembly and, if so will he outline the reasons why? Also, does his Panel consider that any above inflationary increases on alcohol duty should be opposed until a cohesive strategy is produced?

Answer

The Panel is aware of the Alcohol and Licensing Strategy for Jersey presented to the Assembly on 23rd September 2014 (R.139/2014) and has no immediate plans to review its implementation. It is willing to receive a submission from the Deputy if he wishes to suggest that the Panel should conduct a review into the Strategy. However it is noted that the Strategy has been developed as a joint approach between Health and Social Services and at least four other departments. The Panel looks forward to learning the results of further work on the Strategy by the Alcohol and Licensing Policy Group, including a pricing review investigating the role that pricing mechanisms could play in reducing the harmful effects of alcohol. The Panel will make enquiries concerning the progress of this work.