WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT BY DEPUTY I. GARDINER OF ST. HELIER NORTH QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 28th OCTOBER 2024 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2024

Ouestion

"In relation to the Island's <u>Carbon Neutral Roadmap</u>, and the publication of the energy strategy by Q4 2023, will the Minister advise what progress, if any, has been made in developing the strategy, its current status and when it will be made available to the Assembly?"

Answer

I intend to commence work on an energy strategy in 2025, with initial focus on legislative updates and delivering the recommendations from the Comptroller and Auditor General review of Critical Infrastructure Resilience – Energy. Due to resource constraints, I cannot commit to delivering an energy strategy in this term of government, although I do intend to fully explore and debate the potential for offshore wind which is an underpinning issue.

Work to develop an energy strategy spans several Ministerial portfolios and I will be working closely with the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Sustainable Economic Development and other ministers as necessary. In addition to working with these Ministers, Scrutiny, energy suppliers, external stakeholders, including Guernsey, the United Kingdom and France are also very important in this complex area of policy development. I intend to carry out this complex work thoroughly to ensure that we reach a more formed outcome.