WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY DEPUTY P.F.C. OZOUF OF ST. SAVIOUR QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 16th JUNE 2025 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 23rd JUNE 2025

Ouestion

"With regard to the medicinal cannabis and biotech sector, will the Chief Minister advise –

- (a) whether the Government intends to release a joint statement from relevant Ministers providing an update on the sector, including—
 - (i) prescription levels;
 - (ii) regulatory oversight mechanisms, including Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP), clinic inspections, prescriber accountability;
 - (iii) economic health, including revenue, employment, fiscal forecasts; and
 - (iv) public health impacts;
- (b) if there is no such intention, why not;
- (c) when the Assembly will be provided with a report on the lessons learnt from the sector's roll-out to date, including any regulatory gaps identified and corrective action taken; and
- (d) whether the Government is undertaking any further research into the sector and, if so, whether such research will be made public and the anticipated date of release?"

Answer

Parts (a) to (c)

The Government intends to publish a joint report or update from relevant Ministers that will cover the matters described in parts (a) and (c), before the end of 2025.

Part (d)

As detailed in the answer to WQ.229/2025, the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development has asked officers to explore what a biotech sector for Jersey might look like. Early policy work has also been requested to explore the feasibility of supporting the development of a medicinal technologies and biopharmaceutical sector. There is currently no confirmed date of release, however any formal decisions, policies or strategies would be published as a matter of course.