

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. BRELADE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 21st JANUARY 2020**

Question

Will the Chief Minister advise members whether the design brief for the new hospital will be completed before the site selection and if not, why not?

Answer

The elements of the design brief critical to selecting the site for the new hospital will be completed before the site selection process commences.

Work to develop a full design brief will be ongoing during the site selection process. The fact that the full design brief is not complete at this time does not preclude the site selection process from commencing. The employers' requirements will provide sufficient detail to go from a long list of sites to a shorter list, based upon criteria such as patient and clinical needs and the absolute minimum area that a hospital could occupy.

The full design brief will be prepared for the announcement of the preferred site, which is due to be announced this year, in line with the timeline set out in R.54/2019, Chief Minister Report to the States Assembly on the New Hospital Next Steps.