

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 5th JULY 2011**

Question

Before setting the target of 10% savings in water and energy consumption in States buildings to save around £1 million, did the Chief Minister assess how this target compares to targets set and/or achieved in the best local authorities in the UK?

Answer

The 10% target was seen as a realistic and achievable figure in the Jersey context and was not compared directly with the targets set in the best local authorities in the UK. Progress in the UK is being monitored closely but direct comparisons are difficult as the UK targets are based on emissions rather than consumption.

The setting of wholesale reduction targets for the States as an organisation is a new initiative and certain management information is currently missing in some areas. The initial target to be achieved is a 10% reduction in consumption against a 2010 benchmark. As departments improve resource efficiency with experience and better information the initial 10% target will be revisited and increased if necessary. The start of this process is a roll out of 'energy dashboards' which will provide monthly updates on energy consumption and progress towards the 10% reduction target.

If the Deputy wishes to discuss this initiative further he is welcome to meet with the appropriate officers where much more of the project's detail and evolution into the future could be covered.