

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 24TH MAY 2016**

Question

Further to the Minister's answer to written question 9421 on 10th May 2016, in which he stated that "in 2011 the Treasury sought external advice regarding the financing options for health and social services in Jersey; this advice cost £71,500", could the Minister confirm what financing options were contained in this external advice and whether the prospect of introducing a new health tax was considered at that time?

Would the Minister publish that advice?

Answer

The external advice provided a comprehensive overview of the financing options for health and social services in Jersey; including:

- A summary of the objectives and goals of a health financing system as outlined by the World Health Organisation and the Council of the European Union;
- Identification of the issues that need to be considered by policymakers;
- Analysis of the approach to health financing adopted in a number of other countries;
- Analysis of the following sources of funding: mandated social insurance contributions, medical savings accounts, voluntary private insurance, out of pocket payments and taxes (noting that no country reviewed in the advice adopts a single source of funding approach);
- Provision of a recommended approach to the broad funding of health and social services in Jersey.

The advice currently remains in draft form. The Minister will seek permission from the advisor to publish the report.