

QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 11 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

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To	President, Committee <i>for</i> Employment & Social Security
Subject	The former Reciprocal Health Agreement
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Question 1

The President of the Committee for Employment and Social Security in her Statement to the States of Deliberation on the 30th January 2019 referred to “a replacement for the former Reciprocal Health Agreement that we had with the UK”. Deputy Le Clerc went onto to say “the Committee have met with visiting officials from the UK’s Department for Health and Social Care on the possibility of establishing a new reciprocal health agreement between Guernsey and the UK” and further “we aim to bring a policy letter to the States with full proposals in the next few months. I hope that this provides some reassurance to Members, and to the public, that the Committee continues to work on this as a priority”. What progress has been made on this undertaking to negotiate a new agreement with the UK and produce a policy letter?

Question 2

In the same Statement on the 30th January 2019 the President said “meanwhile it remains important to provide a solution for those who are unable to obtain medical cover for travel to the UK at a reasonable cost. So we are determined to find a temporary solution that will provide a basic level of protection for those people. The Committee will be proposing an in-house scheme is created as an interim measure”. What progress has been made with regard to this temporary solution?

Question 3

During questions on her statement Deputy Le Clerc agreed that the reciprocal agreement was successfully negotiated by Jersey and the Isle of Man but in those Islands that agreement not only covers Islanders when travelling to the UK, but protects their visitor economies by providing those visitors with cover. Deputy Le Clerc indicated that this element and costs would form part of the policy letter to the States. What progress has been made on this part of the negotiations with the UK?