

**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION, SPORT & CULTURE
TO QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE RULES OF
PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY LESTER QUERIPEL**

Question

1. Can you tell me what stage ESC are at regarding collating and compiling the long-awaited Arts Strategy please, and also do you have any idea when it will be laid in front of the States for consideration?

Answer

We have been continuing to work closely with the Guernsey Arts Commission which is developing what will be a comprehensive and inspiring Strategy for the development of the Arts. Inevitably, for the wider community to embrace the fullness of what can be achieved through the Arts, there is likely to be a need to invest resources to turn the Strategy into a reality with tangible benefits. We are in discussion about what these resource requirements will be and how we can realistically support that, whether through Government or private funding. To that end, the Guernsey Arts Commission has met with the Committee and in the last month or so, also met with the Committee *for* Economic Development. Once we have reconciled the Commission's ambitions with the priorities of the Government Work Plan, the Commission intends to release the draft Strategy more widely for further comment.

The outcome of the current work to develop the Arts Strategy will be the determining factor over when, and indeed if, the Strategy needs to be laid before the States. There will no doubt be further discussions on this as we progress future iterations of the Government Work Plan.

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