

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2023
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2023**

Question

“Will the Minister advise the extent to which Income Support sanctions aimed at increasing workforce participation are required to mirror the proposals of the UK Government?”

Answer

Not at all.

Income Support sanctions are not required to mirror the proposals of the UK government in any way. Jersey’s system is established under Jersey legislation and is quite different from the UK approach and does not follow or attempt to replicate UK proposals to any extent.

Jersey has its own policies to increase workforce participation and these are very successful. The Island is currently enjoying record low levels of unemployment. This year we have introduced new policies to help keep people in work, such as the introduction of an optional service to help people who receive Short-Term Incapacity Allowance and who want help in returning to work on some basis rather than being “signed off” for a lengthy period of time.