

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 26th JUNE 2018**

Question

Further to the establishment during the last term of the States Assembly Diversity Forum, and the resultant commitment to increasing the engagement of minority communities, will the Minister table a list of all community grants, or funding, given to representatives or groups of these communities?

Answer

The States Assembly Diversity Forum was set up to encourage greater diversity within the Assembly, and to better reflect the varied experiences of Jersey's community. Members will be aware that the vote.je web site was available in languages other than English.

There are a number of ways in which the States, either directly or through the Association of Jersey Charities' use of Channel Islands Lottery funding, help direct funding to areas which benefit minority communities. Examples are included below.

The Social Security Department has supported businesses with incentive funding for employing staff. In terms of supporting a minority community, that Department has supported the Polish Cultural Centre and Polish Educational Association. Support has been provided to Music in Action who run a number of events throughout the year and have supported funding for roles within other charities and organisations (e.g. Jersey Hospice, Beresford Street Kitchen, Parish of St Helier, Enable Jersey, Jersey MS Therapy Centre) to support administrative duties including fundraising and running events.

The Back to Work Community Jobs Fund creates fully subsidised jobs for registered jobseekers provided that employers in the private, public, charitable or third sectors can demonstrate that the role has a clear additional community benefit over and above the organisation's current provision (see link below for more details).

<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Working%20in%20Jersey/ID%20Community%20Jobs%20Fund%20Guidelines%2020170130%20AC.pdf>

In 2017, three grants were made by the Health and Social Services Department to two organisations which enable all islanders to access support and advice equally but are not specifically targeted at minority communities. These are shown in the table below:

Citizens Advice Bureau	To provide information and advice to members of the public	£242,136
Citizens Advice Bureau	Provide an online directory for key health and social care services	£21,500
Jersey Family Mediation Service	Provision of service to separating or divorced couples to assist in reaching agreements – transferred to Judicial Greffe in 2018	£12,240

The Health and Social Services Department is also leading a piece of work to engage with the broader community of Jersey including 'harder to reach' populations and minority groups. The Community Network is being developed together with representatives of the States of Jersey, Citizens Advice Jersey,

Jersey police, Jersey Consumer Council, Caritas Jersey, and many other 3rd Sector organisations. It has a specific intention of engaging all citizens including those from minority communities in the co-production of an effective and modern health service provision.

Details of all grants made are available in each year's published Annual Report and Accounts, and their annexes. These are available on www.gov.je.