WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2007

Ouestion

On 11th September 2007, the Minister referred to work already completed by the Statistics Department on Supplementation; will he release this piece of work and if not state why, and will he inform members when he will come to the Assembly with the results of his investigation of the causes of the growth in supplementation, previously promised for Autumn of this year?

Answer

My Department has worked to identify reasons for the increase to the cost of supplementation in 2006. In doing this the Department has used reports issued by the Statistics Unit and has worked with the Economics Adviser. The outcome of that work is the report which was sent to members over the last weekend and which, before release has been reviewed, commented upon and discussed with both the Statistics Unit and the Economic Adviser.

I am grateful for the assistance given to the Department.