

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 13th MAY 2014**

**Question**

Has the Chief Minister considered the latest Office for National Statistics data which estimates that there are 1.4m zero-hours (or no guaranteed hours) contracts in existence in the UK, up from 200,000 in 2011, along with the Resolution Foundation research which shows that zero-hours contracted workers are paid a lower hourly rate than other equivalent workers and that younger workers are disproportionately affected by these contracts?

In the light of these factors is he prepared to accelerate his own efforts to deliver his report on the local situation before the end of the year?

**Answer**

Reporting on zero hour contracts in Jersey requires statistics from the Manpower Survey and Jersey Annual Social Survey, which will be available at the end of 2014, as planned. The Social Security Minister will then be in a position to consider and react, as necessary, to the use of zero hour contracts.

This timescale is in line with P.100/2013, as amended, and with the Social Security Minister's responses to previous questions (in particular, 8194 on 18th March 2014).

The results of these two surveys will provide a range of information, for example on the age profile of people on zero hour contracts, the industries in which they work, their household incomes and their views on zero hours contracts.

This information will enable us to compare Jersey data with that available in the United Kingdom. That includes data from the Resolution Foundation and the Office for National Statistics, the results of which have been noted.