

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 19th OCTOBER 2010**

Question

Would the Minister advise whether spot checks made on building sites and the Energy from Waste plant for persons working without Social Security cards have been repeated and, if so, on how many occasions and with what results?

Has a similar check been undertaken at the Harbours to establish how many new arrivals are coming to work in the Island without Social Security cards and, if not, why?

Answer

Departmental officers undertake ad hoc and planned visits to local employers on a regular basis to check that the employer is conforming to Social Security and employment legislation. During 2010 a total of 265 visits have been made (up to the end of September 2010).

The results of the visits confirm that the compliance of employers to Social Security and employment legislation is generally good.

A major site visit to the energy from waste plant was undertaken on 24 May 2010. No irregularities were identified during this visit and on that basis no further inspections have taken place since.

A joint operation with the Customs and Immigration Department was undertaken to identify potential construction workers arriving at the harbour in commercial vehicles to undertake work in the Island. The operation confirmed that compliance with relevant Social Security legislation was generally good.