WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY DEPUTY I. GARDINER OF ST. HELIER NORTH

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Ouestion

"Will the Minister advise what the eligibility criteria are to receive a Better Business Support Package (BBSP) from the allocation to support the transition to a living wage; and will he further advise how the intended outcomes will be assessed by the end of the year, and whether businesses with outstanding debts to Social Security, or for GST or Tax, will be eligible for a BBSP?"

Answer

The Better Business Support Package (BBSP) is made up of multiple schemes including three that are onward grants for employers and employees:

- The Rural and Marine Support Schemes
- The Registered Employee Support Scheme
- The three grants administered by Jersey Business (Productivity, Skills and Visitor Economy Development Grants)

The eligibility criteria for each can be found on <u>Better Business Support Package: Employers urged to prepare</u>.

For the grants administered by Jersey Business, this includes an eligibility criterion that businesses must be up to date with tax contributions or on a repayment plan, which will be verified by Treasury as part of the application process.

Delivery progress and outcomes for each BBSP scheme will be monitored through established internal governance processes and updates will be published in due course later in the year.