

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th JUNE 2020**

Question

Further to the presentation of ‘Efficiencies Plan 2020–23’ (R.130/2019), what progress, if any, has been made under efficiency saving 1.3, ‘Commercial Operations: contract efficiency’, towards the savings target of £2.08 million by 2020 in the categories of –

- (a) Information Technology;
- (b) Contract facilities management;
- (c) Purchase of care; and
- (d) Agency;

and what impact, if any, has the development of a living wage in the Island had on any renegotiation of contracts undertaken in respect of this savings area?

Answer

Specific opportunities have been identified in all of these areas and project plans have been developed to deliver these. However work to realise them has been paused as resources are redeployed to respond to COVID pressures.

Departmental budgets have been reduced to reflect the values set out in the Efficiencies Plan 2020, and referenced in this question, and performance will continue to be tracked through the monthly budget monitor process and reported at the half year.

There are a number of measures being implemented to ensure the Jersey Living Wage is and will be paid as Government contracts are reviewed. To date, the impacts of the living wage are being assessed on a case by case basis, the commitment was to be complete by 2024

Note:

- 1) All Government standard terms and conditions contain a clause requiring the Jersey Living Wage is paid to “relevant staff”,
 - a. Contractors employed on Government Premises for more than 2 hours a day, or more than 8 hours a week for 8 consecutive weeks, will be paid the Jersey Living Wage by 2024 in relation to the following:
 - If the premises are leased out commercially but the Government continue to the repair and maintenance responsibility, then work undertaken to the premises leased e.g. cleaning or security services would be covered unless the work was a one off.
 - Cleaners who are employed to clean our buildings
 - Gardeners who are employed to cut our grass and weed our flower beds
 - Security guards or caretakers who work in our buildings – either looking after our buildings or managing people’s access to them (e.g. by sitting in the foyer giving out passes)
 - Central Market, although leased out the overall cleaning maintenance and security is still the States responsibility

What is out of scope?

- Construction workers working on the hospital project would be excluded as during construction the site is not GOJ premises.
- Beach cafes and other premises leased by the States to third parties are not be included
- Private schools
- When G4S are moving money around or transporting prisoners, this is outside of scope as they are not working on State's premises.
- Plumbers or carpenters who come into our buildings for a couple of hours, as required, to fix a broken equipment or put up a shelf – they are not working here for more than 8 hours per week
- Where the service is being delivered on a personal property eg. A person's home.