

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER**

**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 18th JANUARY 2005**

**Question**

- (a) Will the President produce for members the figures I requested in question 2(a) of my written question asked on 7th December 2004, or if not, inform members when he will be able to do so?
- (b) Will the President, with reference to the answer to question 2 (b) of my written question asked on 7th December 2004, indicate the Committee's method of applying Article 16 (1) (c) of the relevant law in Long-term Incapacity Allowance in the case of a recovering drug addict?
- (c) In response to my supplementary oral question of 9th November 2004, the President stated that information from the Nottingham study referred to in R.C. 48/2004 would be available at the end of the year.
  - (i) Would the President now distribute this information to members, or if not, inform members when he will do so?
  - (ii) Further in his answer, the President referred to making available the 'OXERA work done on a computer model'; would the President now also distribute this information to members, or if not, inform members when he will do so?

**Answer**

- (a) Statistics for the fourth quarter ending 31st December 2004, have not yet been collated. They should be available in about two weeks time. I would also remind the Deputy of the full answer to that question, that is, that one quarter's statistics is unlikely to give the full picture and that a post implementation audit of the new system will be conducted after one full calendar year of implementation.
- (b) The system would apply in the same way as it does to everyone else. All assessments are based on a medical review which would take account of any relevant health condition and resulting loss of faculty.
- (c)(i)and (ii)  
The study has yet to be completed. At the present time, I have been given no definite date for the final report. This report will be published when available.

The model was constructed to help cost income support proposals and became available to the Department just before Christmas. Any interested member is welcome to a demonstration and can contact the Department direct on telephone 280204.