

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
BY DEPUTY S. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2009**

Question

Would the Minister inform States Members what qualifications and experience his Assistant Minister possesses, which led to his decision to choose her for this role?

Answer

As the Deputy is aware an individual requires no formal educational qualifications or practical experience in order to run for or be elected to political office.

The appointment or election to other offices within government can be based upon a variety of factors – not least of which might be a natural interest in a particular field.

My Assistant Minister has a lifetimes experience within the caring sector, both hands on and in management roles. This made her an ideal choice as my Assistant Minister at Social Security and I take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and support.

Should the Deputy wish to know my Assistant Ministers educational qualifications and details of her varied work experience then I suggest she contact her directly.