

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2025**

**Question**

“Will the Minister provide details of the work he is undertaking to support Jersey’s fishing industry, including any work within his portfolio to support the development of onshore facilities such as a fish processing facility?”

**Answer**

The Marine Support Scheme (MSS) which I launched in 2023 provides direct financial support to the marine sector using a points based ‘marine credit’ system. In 2025 this scheme will distribute up to £500,000 to this sector.

I will also be bringing forward amendments to the Regulations governing the Agricultural Loans Scheme to expand the eligibility criteria for loans to the fishing industry and aquaculture sector.

Where businesses in the marine economy are an employer they are also eligible for funding under the [Better Business Support Package](#) which is being deployed in 2025 and 2026 to support businesses to make productivity improvements with the transition to the living wage.

Joint work between the Department for the Economy and Department for Infrastructure and Environment is summarised in the Environment Minister’s response to WQ.52/2025.