

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWERS TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd JULY 2007

Question 1

Will the Minister inform members the reasons for the delay in preparing the necessary Codes of Practice under the Employment Relations (Jersey) Law 2007 (adopted by the States on 17th May 2005 and subsequently amended, but not yet in force), given that much of the Law cannot be put into practice without them, and state when members should expect to see the Codes?

Answer

Draft codes of practice were prepared and presented to States Members along with the draft Employer Relations (Jersey) Law 2007. The Law was not registered by the Royal Court until January of this year.

A revised draft of the codes of practice will shortly be published and I will invite representations from the public and interested parties before approving the codes of practice. Members will see the resulting codes later this year when I present them by Order, prior to proposing an Appointed Day for the Law.

Question 2

Will the Minister inform members of the reasons for requiring further time for the presentation of income support plans to the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel and to the Assembly following his presentation to the Council of Ministers on 8th June 2007?

Answer

I am not aware that the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel were expecting to be presented with the Income Support plans, however I have been working closely with the Income Support Scrutiny Sub-Panel for more than 18 months.

I have not delayed the lodging date for the Income Support Regulations further to briefing the Council of Ministers on 8th June 2007. The intention remains to lodge in the week commencing 9th July 2007.