

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

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2005

Question

Following the President's offer to demonstrate the OXERA model on income support to members given in answer to written questions on 18th January 2005, would the President allow members copies of the programme to examine in their own time, as was the case with the OXERA tax model?

Answer

At the present time, the computer module has only just been refined into a working tool. It does not easily lend itself to use by others without the relevant expertise. This was the reason for suggesting members arrange to come into the Department where instruction and support could be given. Oxera has been asked whether the model can be developed further at a reasonable cost so that it can be used by States members and the public.