

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES  
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 19th OCTOBER 2010**

**Question**

Does the Minister support the 'Think Twice, Buy Local' campaign?

Will he undertake to publish as detailed a list as possible of all retailers trading in the Island who do and do not pay tax locally, in order to better inform shoppers who may want to support the former?

**Answer**

The Minister is very supportive of the “Think Twice, Buy Local” campaign which is a positive initiative that is aimed at all sections of the Island’s community. In terms of spending by the States, local businesses are encouraged to compete in an open and transparent manner with “off Island” suppliers where it is appropriate to do so. Jersey Enterprise has been working in partnership with the Procurement section of Treasury and Resources and other States departments as well as private businesses to help achieve this. Contracts are awarded on a mixture of price and quality criteria, not just price alone. It is important, therefore, that local businesses are able to demonstrate value for money to the tax payer in a competitive situation.

The Comptroller of Taxes is unable to publish such a list, as to do so would be a breach of his Royal Court oath of office.