

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2011**

Question

“Does the Economic Development Department have an estimate, based on the last full year, of the net economic benefit of the fulfilment industry to Jersey and by how much this is offset by the cost of the social subsidy of any top-up benefits paid to employees by the States?”

Answer

Based upon recent manpower figures, it is known that the sector currently employs around 900 people and if the sector had maintained its share of GVA in 2009 (the latest year for which figures are available), the sector would have been worth at least £45 million.

Social Security does not run reports identifying level of Income Support or other benefits paid to employees working in different industries or for individual employers, therefore it is not possible to calculate the overall net economic benefit, in the manner which the Deputy is requesting.

Fulfilment remains an important employment sector for the Jersey economy and my Department continues to liaise with the UK Government to ensure that the effects of UK Fiscal changes can be minimized.