

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2017**

Question

Will the Chief Minister identify which specific policies adopted by the Council of Ministers over the last 3 years have been designed to increase social mobility in the Island and will he state how effective these measures have been?

Answer

This Council of Ministers has adopted a range of policies that aim to improve Islanders' life opportunities, including for those on lower incomes, and in relation to educational outcomes and skills. Policies like Pupil Premium and help for students attending higher education are likely to increase social mobility. This has been done at the same time as prioritising a strong economy that provides a range of rewarding jobs and meaningful training opportunities. At this juncture, however, initial discussions with the Statistics Unit have not identified a statistical release that provides a meaningful measure of social mobility.