

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
BY DEPUTY I. GARDINER OF ST. HELIER NORTH
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2025
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2025**

Question

“In relation to the Government COVID-19 support for businesses, specifically the deferral of GST payments by businesses, will the Minister advise –

- (a) how many businesses deferred their payments, and the total amount deferred;
- (b) how many businesses owed money at the end of 2024, and the total amount outstanding; and
- (c) what plans exist, if any, to recover any remaining payments?”

Answer

To support businesses who were most adversely impacted during the COVID-19 period the Government offered a range of measures including the deferral of GST payments.

- (a) Under Covid deferral schemes 216 businesses deferred GST payments totalling £4.9 million.
- (b) Some of these amounts have been repaid and at the end of 2024, a remaining 163 businesses had deferred GST payments totalling £2.6 million.
- (c) In January 2025, the Government wrote to all businesses with outstanding deferred GST payments to inform them that deferred GST payments are now due. If businesses are unable to pay, they are able to contact the Debt Collection Team to discuss a payment plan.