

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2010**

Question

“In the light of the reservations expressed by Dr Harkness in her report to the Corporate Services investigation of the CSR, will the Minister advise members what specific actions he will take to identify the extent to which public service cuts affect households’ welfare and in particular the poorest and most vulnerable amongst them?

Will he further undertake to produce an analysis of the impact of the proposals contained in stage 2 of the CSR on the poorest households along with the measures he proposes to protect these households?”

Answer

The Council of Ministers is committed to minimising the impact of the CSR on vital public services and income support with the objective to minimise the impact on the less well off in our society. In addition, by boosting economic growth, the intention is that any public sector job losses will have minimal impact as Dr Harkness states. Ministers will continue to strike a balance between delivering savings and preventing tax rises but also protecting vital public services and the impact on all households, particularly the less well off in Jersey will be taken into account in the Council of Minister’s decision making.