

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 14th DECEMBER 2015**

Question

Given that during the course of 2015, the Jersey Employment Trust (JET), a third sector provider, was subject to grant reductions on 4 different occasions in January, June, July and November taking its forecast deficit from £40,000 to £370,000, does the Chief Minister consider that this process was efficient or effective and, if not, would he assure members that this did not happen to other third sector organisations supported by the States nor will it happen again in the future?

Answer

The Jersey Employment Trust (JET) receives funding from the Social Security and Health and Social Services departments. The 2015 grant has been maintained at 2014 levels. In each of these years JET has received £141,180 from Health and Social Services and £1.8 million from Social Security.

Cash limits for the next 4 years are set as part of the Medium-Term Financial Plan. Departmental officers have a good working relationship with the Trust and discussions are continuing on the grant for 2016 and the following three years.

As the Social Security Minister confirmed at the last States sitting, we remain committed to the provision of a full range of employment opportunities, including sheltered employment. The Minister will be encouraging all States departments to consider suitable projects in their own areas.