

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2ND MAY 2017**

Question

Will the Minister provide her assessment of any trends revealed in the latest data from the labour market report published by the Statistics Unit on the changes to the number of zero-hour jobs in the economy; and will she commit to work with the Statistics Unit to interrogate the data and to examine what proportion of zero-hour contracts relate to minimum-wage or low-pay jobs?

Answer

Standing orders require written answers to be submitted to the States Greffe by noon on the working day before a States sitting. As Monday 1 May is a bank holiday, this answer has been prepared prior to Friday, 28 April 2017.

The labour market report is published on Friday 28 April and it is therefore not possible to comment on the latest data in this answer.

I can confirm that my officers work closely with the Statistics Unit to understand the data included in the labour market report. However, that data does not include information on wage levels and so it is not possible to identify the proportion of zero hours contracts that relate to minimum wage or low pay jobs.