

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2009

Question

Following the demise of Woolworths, will the Minister review those companies operating in the Island who do not pay local income tax and undertake to bring forward the relevant legislation to ensure that any such companies extend their redundancy policies to their staff in Jersey and if not, will he explain why?

(For clarity I am a shareholder of Woolworth or was depending on the outcome.)

Answer

I am committed to lodging draft redundancy legislation by the end of this month, for States debate in April 2009. The new law will give employees in Jersey a statutory right to a redundancy payment, as well as associated rights, that have been consulted upon and are appropriate to our local situation.

These rights will apply to employees in Jersey whether they work for locally owned companies, branches of overseas concerns, or any other ownership arrangement.