

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2020**

Question

In respect of staffing levels at Revenue Jersey will the Minister advise –

- (a) how many staff are currently employed;
- (b) how many of those staff have been, and continue to be, working from home;
- (c) how many of those staff are currently unable to work at all as a result of the Covid-19 crisis; and
- (d) in the event that a reduction in staff levels has been experienced, to what extent, if at all, this has impacted on the ability to process tax returns and rebates?

Answer

- (a) As at 1 June 2020 Revenue Jersey employs 103 people (97 full-time equivalent employees).
- (b) About 35% of Revenue Jersey's workforce is working from the Office: 65% is working from home.
- (c) There are currently no tax officers unable to work at all as a result of the Covid-19 lockdown. Revenue Jersey has experienced losses in productivity for a number of reasons, principally the availability of work capable of being done remotely; limitations on the availability of laptops in the early days of lockdown; office space within the parameters of social distancing; and also the domestic circumstances of tax officers.
- (d) Processing tax rebates to individuals, businesses and charities has been given high priority throughout the Covid-19 crisis. Revenue Jersey has continued to process 2018 and 2019 tax returns alongside this work.