

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 30TH JANUARY 2017**

Question

Further to the advice provided by H.M. Solicitor General to the Assembly on 19th January 2017 regarding Article 21(3) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005 in relation to the funding of the new Hospital, will the Minister advise whether or not she will continue to regard the Long-Term Care scheme as a contribution; and will she confirm that the undertaking made to the Assembly by her predecessor on 18th June 2013 that the Long-Term Care contribution could not be manipulated by the Minister for Treasury and Resources remains in place?

Answer

As Minister for Social Security I can absolutely confirm that all long-term care contributions are paid into the ring fenced Long-Term Care Fund and that payments out of the Fund can only be made to support long-term care costs.

The contributions are collected under the Social Security Law and the benefits are paid under the Long-Term Care Law.

Both these laws fall under my responsibility and any changes to the nature of the contributions or the use of the Fund would require legislation to be approved by the States Assembly.

The recent advice provided by H.M. Solicitor General does not have any bearing on the operation of the Long-Term Care Fund, and was confined to Article 21(3) of the Public Finances Law. As such, I can confirm the undertaking given by my predecessor, Senator Le Gresley, that the Long-Term Care contribution cannot be manipulated by the Minister for Treasury and Resources.