WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2020

Question

Following the completion of the Employment Forum's Consultation on Annual Leave and Rest Breaks, will the Minister advise the Assembly of any proposals she has to improve working conditions for Jersey employees?

Answer

A major improvement in the working conditions for Jersey employees will be achieved with the implementation of the family friendly Employment Law changes that were approved by the Assembly last year. The Appointed Day Act for this law will be debated on 16 June.

Among the future priorities of my Department will be the conclusion of work on the recent Employment Forum consultation on statutory annual leave and rest breaks, which took place from December 2019 to February 2020.

With the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic and the urgent need to re-prioritise the work of my Department, I recently agreed with the outgoing Chair of the Employment Forum that the Forum would not present its recommendations at the present time. The current Chair of the Forum supports that decision. Once time and resources allow, the Forum will continue its deliberations and present its report and recommendations to me.