WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 26th JUNE 2012

Question

Of the 128 businesses locating in Jersey contained in Appendix 2 of the Economic Growth and Diversity Strategy, how many of these companies are actually trading in Jersey, and how many are merely registered or headquartered here?

Given that the June Labour Market survey is usually not delivered until October, and that the figures contained in Appendix 2 of the growth plan on job creation are critical to its debate, will the Minister either

- a) deliver the 2011 figures of jobs delivered in time for the debate on the strategy, or
- b) produce figures for "job opportunities" created up to June 2011 which can be assessed in terms of jobs delivered in the December 2011 Labour Market survey?

Can the Minister explain why the retail "job opportunities" in Appendix 2 of P.55/2012 contain a higher proportion of non locally qualified (NLQ) jobs than the sector average and, if not, why not?

Will the Minister state how many "job opportunities" were created by inward investment in the first half of 2011 and how many locally qualified positions were filled by December along with the equivalent figures for NLQ positions?

Answer

The 128 inward investment businesses have all been licensed as required under the Regulation of Undertakings and Development (Jersey) Law as they are carrying on a trade, business or profession in the Island. These businesses have provided business plans stating that they will have staff and premises in the Island.

There are many businesses which have registered addresses in the Island. These do not form part of the inward investment figures as they have no requirement to engage with my department.

My department is currently undertaking work to establish how many of the job opportunities created for the period to December 2011 have been filled and will provide a breakdown as to locally qualified and non-locally qualified jobs. This information will be available before the debate of P55/2012.

The proportion of non-locally qualified positions in the retail sector is broadly similar across those listed in Appendix 2 of P55/2012 and those for the wholesale and retail sector as whole.