

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
BY THE DEPUTY S.Y. MÉZEC OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4TH JULY 2017**

Question

Following the adoption of paragraph (b) of ‘Minimum Wage: revised hourly rate from 1st April 2016’ (P.150/2015) which requested the production of a report on the potential impact of a significant rise in the minimum wage, and further to her answer to oral question 1(201) on 28th March 2017, in which the Minister explained that Oxera would produce such a report and publish it in time to “*feed into the Employment Forum’s minimum wage review*”, will the Minister explain why the Oxera report has not been published, given that the Employment Forum has begun its consultation on the minimum wage, and will she state when members can expect it to be published?

Answer

The Minister understands that the Oxera report will be published by the Chief Minister’s Department this week. As the Deputy notes in his question, the Minister has previously advised the Assembly that the report will be published in time to “feed into the Employment Forum’s minimum wage review”. The Forum’s online minimum wage survey was released on 5 June but the review itself will continue until the end of September. During September, the Forum will examine all of the evidence that is available which will include the report provided by Oxera, as well as the written survey responses, the relevant statistics and economic advice.