

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2018**

Question

Further to the response to Written Question WQ.23/2018, has the Chief Minister reached agreement with the Treasury in respect of funding for an Income Distribution Survey to be conducted in 2018, rather than waiting until 2020, so that a new Council of Ministers has an early insight into income inequality and people living in relative low income on which to base its social policies; and if not, why not?

Answer

Can I please refer the Deputy to the answer previously given on this matter on the 30th January, 2018:

“£200,000 to undertake an Income Distribution Survey is being requested as part of the “carry forward” process to support the delivery of a survey in 2018-2019.

The allocation of this budget must be prioritised alongside other requests, but it is hoped that the required funds to undertake the survey will be approved shortly and the survey can then proceed”

This remains the position.