

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES BY DEPUTY  
G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER**

**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2008**

**Question**

Further to his answer on 15th July 2008 regarding payments for protection from GST for those on Income Support, in which he revealed that over 2,700 households would not be eligible for this protection will the Minister inform members what categories of households are so affected and what measures, if any, are in place to cushion these households from the impact of GST?

**Answer**

Of the 2,700 households identified by the Deputy, approximately 700 individuals are receiving residential care and are not subject to GST.

The remainder are receiving protected benefit payments under the Income Support scheme. Of these, households that do not pay income tax will be eligible to receive the GST bonus. Households that do pay income tax will have benefited from the increase in income tax exemptions.