

3.1 Deputy A.K.F. Green of St. Helier of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding GST and the 'Meals on Wheels' service:

Could the Minister advise the Assembly what action, if any, is taken to address the situation regarding G.S.T. (Goods and Services Tax) and the 'Meals on Wheels' service?

Senator P.F.C. Ozouf (The Minister for Treasury and Resources):

I believe the Deputy is referring to a newspaper article that appeared in the *Jersey Evening Post* on Saturday, 28th February. Like many Members, I was surprised by the content. On reading the article, I immediately instigated an urgent inquiry and I am pleased to report to the Assembly that this matter has now been resolved. The invoices charging G.S.T. to 'Meals on Wheels' were issued incorrectly since October 2008 and they have been withdrawn. As a result of this error, I am this morning sending a letter of apology to the organisation. So I would like to record my own gratitude for the fantastic efforts of all those involved in 'Meals on Wheels', given that they are all on a voluntary basis. Long may they continue to provide such a wonderful service. **[Approbation]**

Deputy A.K.F. Green:

I am grateful to the Minister for his pragmatic approach.