

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2015**

Question

Can the Minister provide:

- (a) the number of people found guilty of committing a criminal offence within one year of registering with Social Security from 2010 to date;
- (b) a breakdown of the above offences into categories such as shoplifting, drug offences, violent conduct and so on;
- (c) an estimated cost to the Island of dealing with the above offences;
- (d) a breakdown of how many of those persons listed under (a) above were found to have a criminal record prior to their arrival in the Island?

Answer

The States of Jersey Police does not hold sufficient data in respect of this matter. It is understood that the Social Security Department receive between 60 and 80 enquiries per day from individuals wishing to register for employment in Jersey. To answer this question, it would be necessary to obtain the names and personal details of all individuals registered for employment and compare them against the Police National Database. However, this is not possible, as this would be an improper use of the Police National Database and a breach of data protection given that the checks would not be for a 'policing purpose'.