

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2016**

Question

What was the gross cost to the taxpayer of a person entering Jersey from the EU in 2015 to work for a range of hourly rates commencing with the minimum wage and increasing in bands of £1 per hour until the average Island wage is attained, assuming that:

- (a) the person works 40 hours per week;
- (b) the person has at least one family member aged over 65 in their household on the Island, who makes average use of health and social services for their age group;
- (c) the person has one child of primary school age in their household, attending a States school;
- (d) the person and the child make average use of health care for their age groups;
- (e) the person and the child speak English;
- (f) costs take account of supplementation where relevant and of any other benefit the individual might be entitled to within the time period of 9 years, averaged over a period of 9 years?

What additional gross per capita cost to the taxpayer arises if the person or the child do not speak English?

What additional gross per capita cost to the taxpayer arises if the child is in secondary education?

Answer

Research and analysis is being planned by the Economics Unit to examine the economic and fiscal implications of different levels and types of inward migration, collating and aggregating as required the range of existing information which departments use to plan public finances and services, for example, the absolute and marginal costs of health care by age band, the average weighted pupil costs at primary and secondary school, and other information covering social security contributions and benefits.

Completing the work in this rigorous fashion will deliver rounded and expert information to support the development of the long term plan, inclusive of population policies, and clear aspirations for our economy, community, and environment. Once the scope of this research work is complete, this will be reported, inclusive of expected timing, in support of the long term plan.

In the meantime it is not possible in the time available to provide this information, or some of this information in response to this question and in the form requested, requiring as it does detailed collation across a number of years and departments. In addition, other variables make any easy presentation challenging, for example, a person over 65 would need to be assessed as a separate household for Income Support purposes, and the ability of a person to qualify for pension in due course depends on length of contribution to the Social Security scheme, and indeed, any reciprocal arrangements with the country of origin.