WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMICS COMMITTEE BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2005

Ouestion

"Would the President inform members –

- (a) whether the Committee has considered funding any shortfall experienced in the level of Parish welfare caused by the increase in claims arising from those receiving percentage awards under the new LTIA scheme?
- (b) if so, will this funding be met from taxation revenues? and,
- (c) what sums, if any, will be required to address this financial burden now and over the coming decade under the proposed income support scheme?"

Answer

- "(a) The Finance and Economics Committee has not received any requests for funding a potential shortfall in the level of Parish welfare caused by a possible increase in claims arising from those receiving percentage awards under the new LTIA scheme. The Committee has, therefore, not considered this issue.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) LTIA is only a part of the new incapacity benefit system which will be reviewed in April 2006. It is, therefore, not possible at this stage to comment on financial implications until after this review has taken place."