

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY  
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**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st MAY 2007**

**Question**

- a) Would the Minister inform members –
- (i) what proportion of the £2.5 million required to fund the 2007 States employees' pay award his department has had to absorb?
  - (ii) what measures have been taken to meet this additional cost?
  - (iii) whether such actions amount to service cuts or delays in certain activities, and
- b) Would the Minister place these in context of measures already taken in response to the need for efficiency savings for 2007?

**Answer**

- a)
- (i) £15,000, which represents approximately ½ per cent of the £2.5 million.
  - (ii) The Department is considering options available to it to achieve the one-off savings required to meet these costs.
  - (iii) The Department will not be considering cuts in services to achieve these savings.
- b) The Department has to find additional efficiency savings relating to its States' funded activities amounting to £29,300 in 2007.

The reduction in funding arising from the 2007 pay award is for one year only as it will be factored into Departments' base budgets from 2008. It is, therefore, expected that the 2007 saving will be accommodated by close control of the 2007 budget.