

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER 2009**

Question

“Will the Minister, as majority shareholder, inform members what specific assistance, both financial and otherwise, he has offered to Jersey Telecom management and employee representatives to ameliorate the process of downsizing the workforce by any mechanisms other than compulsory redundancies? What consultation, if any, has he had with them since the announcement of 80 plus job losses?”

Answer

I expect all States owned companies to be responsible and fair employers. It is not appropriate that I involve the Treasury in the running of the day to day running of the business. It is for the Board to decide how to best run the company as with any company seeking major restructuring.

The Social Security Department has been in contact with Jersey Telecom to offer assistance with anything that those potentially being made redundant may need. This includes offering seminars at the place of work incorporating advice on Income Support, unemployment credits and job seeking. The ultimate aim is to help anyone affected to find new employment.