

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 5th JULY 2011**

Question

In view of the fact that the Minister now has a dedicated tax policy team will he inform members whether he will

- a) carry out a study into exactly how progressive is the tax system in Jersey, and / or the tax and benefit system in Jersey, across different household types, and, if not, why not;
- b) carry out a study into exactly how great the overall tax burden in different jurisdictions is, including what are seen as competitor jurisdictions, in order to inform the taxation debate, and, if not, why not?

Answer

The recent Fiscal Strategy Review fully considered the tax burden on various households and compared Jersey's tax system to competitor jurisdictions.

As the Deputy will be aware from responses to the recent review of Income Support benefit levels by the Health, Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Sub-Panel, work is being undertaken by the Social Security Department to look at benefit levels. The Tax Policy Unit will work with that Department in reviewing the benefits system and in particular how it works with the tax system.

Any future tax changes reviewed by the Tax Policy Unit will take full consideration of the impact on all of Jersey's tax payers as well as how the overall tax burden compares to competitor jurisdictions.