

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST OUEN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4TH JULY 2017**

Question

Further to the Chief Minister's answer to oral question 1(230), will he update the Assembly on what steps, if any, he has taken since 18th April 2017 to bring forward the next Jersey Income Distribution Survey?

Answer

The most recent Income Distribution Surveys have been run on a five year cycle in 2009 - 2010, and 2014 - 2015, and on this basis, the next Income Distribution Survey would run in 2019, reporting later in 2020.

However, to enable the survey to be available earlier in the term of the next Council of Ministers, so that its findings to be more quickly considered in the policy programme of the next Council of Ministers, a request for funding has been submitted to deliver an Income Distribution Survey in this Medium Term Financial Plan period, enabling planning this year, beginning a survey as soon as 2018, and reporting later in 2019. Alongside this, consideration is also being given by officers as to the most appropriate ongoing frequency and timing of the survey. Any decisions on this would be taken with the Chief Statistician and Statistics User Group, and I am fully content to keep the Assembly and the relevant Panel(s) informed.