

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2017**

Question

Does the Minister consider that the summary of results from part 1 of the Social Security Review accurately represents the views of the public when the second most popular option (71% of respondents) that 'employers should pay more' is not highlighted?

Can the Minister justify the absence of any mention of increasing employer contributions (by removing the earnings cap for example) in part 2 of the consultation?

Does she consider that this omission casts doubt about the validity of the review and, if not, why not?

Answer

In October 2016, the Minister for Social Security launched the first part of a major review into income in retirement and the Social Security scheme.

"Living Longer: Thinking Ahead" asked for public feedback on the issues of **income in retirement** and the **Social Security scheme** as a whole. It marked the start of a public conversation that will help to set the direction of Jersey's Social Security scheme and how people save for retirement for the next thirty years. The Minister published a summary report, and a more detailed report, of the responses, comments and ideas on 15 May 2017 on the [Social Security Review webpage](#).

The summary report clearly and accurately sets out the main themes and opinions of those who completed the questionnaire.

Part 2 of the Social Security Review looks at some of the changes in society since the current scheme was set up. In September 2017, the Minister published a questionnaire that asks for the public's views on maternity and bereavement benefits. This consultation is ongoing and can be viewed at the [Social Security Review webpage](#).

In 2018 and 2019 we will build on the results of these surveys together with other planned work to provide overall options for the future of the Social Security Scheme so that it continues to provide benefits that people value and is sustainable for future generations. This will include options for contributions as well as benefits as the overall scheme is only sustainable if these remain in balance.

Each part of the review is equally valid and all the results will be included in the final report.