

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th JULY 2019**

Question

What measures, if any, will the Minister propose as part of the Government Plan, or otherwise, to improve equity in the application of rates of Social Security contributions and earnings limits and to what timescale is any such work being undertaken?

Answer

The Council of Ministers has committed to reducing income inequality and improving the standard of living in the Common Strategic Policy. This includes a commitment to

Achieve a fair balance between wages, taxes and benefits, rents and living costs

This work will be undertaken in parallel with the final part of the Social Security Review, which will consider contribution rates and earning limits, as well as the outcomes of the personal tax review and the planned review of the interaction between taxes and benefits. This work is planned to be undertaken in 2020 and 2021.

The Government Plan will be issued on 23 July.