

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2019**

Question

Under what circumstances does the Minister's Department disclose an individual's employment and benefits status, and related details, to other departments or agencies without the individual's consent?

Answer

As Minister for Social Security, this answer relates to laws and schemes under my political remit. The Customer and Local Services Department processes data across a wide range of government functions which fall under the responsibility of a number of other Ministers.

In respect of the processing of benefits, data can be disclosed without consent when there is a legal right to do so and this power is exercised within the remit of the Data Protection Law. The data sharing is undertaken mainly under the condition of public function. (Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2018 - Schedule 2 Part 1 (4) and Part 2 (13)).