

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2020**

Question

Further to the Assembly's adoption of 'Putting Jersey businesses first' (P.56/2020), as amended, what change, if any, has been recorded in the proportion of suppliers used to supply goods and services to the States of Jersey that are local; and, if there has been such a change, what was the proportion before the adoption of P.56/2020 and what is the proportion now?

Answer

P56 provided assurance to the Island of the States' intentions to support local businesses. It was not, and is not, a mechanism to award preferential treatment to on Island businesses but to deliver a holistic and appropriate Social Value framework to support our Island, ensuring positive contributions from our supply chain enabling wider economic, social and environmental benefits to be achieved.

The Council of Ministers will present a report setting out the amended procurement policies and evaluation criteria and will publish further and future amendments on the gov.je website. Whilst the intention was to deliver this by the 31st August, officers have been under considerable pressure supporting the Covid response amongst other priorities. However, a plan has been created working with key internal stakeholders to ensure that SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and timely) processes are developed.

A significant proportion of the States of Jersey spend on goods and services is already with on-island suppliers, and therefore this is not a new initiative but one that will be expanded. Over the last 2 years, an average of 71% of the £423 million spent has been with local businesses, supporting on-island businesses, employment and the Jersey pound. Some of the off-Island spend also contributes to the travel and hospitality sector from those suppliers coming on to the Island where applicable and others are Health and Community Services specific.

At this time the collection of data is very manually intensive. As per the Assembly's decision, a report will be published of the top 100 suppliers by value, identifying those who are on-Island and off-Island. The date for this was the 31st March, which was agreed as it would give a full financial year's picture. No further data will be published until that time, as agreed and for the reasons above.