WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 8th MARCH 2021 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 15th MARCH 2021

Question

Will the Minister explain the following in relation to her annual Ministerial Reports –

- (a) why the decision was made to cease publication after the 2017 Ministerial Report of the five sections detailing the functions of the funds under her ministerial control, especially those labelled tax funded services and benefits which includes Income Support;
- (b) where this information for 2018 and subsequent years can be found;
- (c) whether the information in (b) is readily available and accessible to Members of the States and the public; and
- (d) whether this data is still collected and, if so, whether she will undertake to have it published as soon as possible; and, if not, why not?

Answer

- (a) From 2018 onwards, Customer and Local Services financial and operational performance data has been included in the States of Jersey Annual Report and Accounts. At the same time, detailed benefit data has been published as set out below.
- (b) Data for all years between 2012 and 2019 can be found on the opendata.gov.je website.
- (c) Data is available in the public domain to download from the opendata.gov.je website.

As above, the data is collated and published annually allowing sufficient time for the data to be complete and for any necessary processing to be undertaken. Note that the publication of the 2019 data was delayed due to resources being transferred to support the response to the Coronavirus pandemic. The 2020 data is due to be published on the website during April 2021