WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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Question

"Will the Minister –

(a) publish the Government of Jersey Social Value Impact Report for 2025 and, if not, explain why not;
(b) explain the Government's current approach to social value in procurement, including the thresholds and weighting applied in tender evaluation, and how social value commitments are monitored and enforced once contracts are awarded;
(c) list, for each year since social value was introduced into procurement, the key achievements delivered, including the number of contracts with social value commitments and the measures used to assess whether those commitments were met;
(d) provide examples of contracts where social value commitments have delivered demonstrable benefits for Islanders; and
(e) advise what plans, if any, he has to develop and strengthen social value in procurement, including what support is proposed to be given to suppliers, and what specific steps he is taking, or is considering taking, to help charities and social enterprises tender for Government contracts?"

Answer

a) The draft Social Value Impact Report for 2025 will be published following completion of the necessary approval process.

Social value continues to evolve as a policy area. The Government is aware of recent updates to UK guidance, for example 'Cabinet Office PNN 026 The Social Value Model' on 28 October 2026 and will consider any relevant lessons and best practice as part of the continued development of Jersey's social value programme.

The Commercial Services Strategy 2026 –2028 states the following: -

Commercial Services will continue to manage and develop the Social Value Strategy for Government of Jersey, ensuring proportionate consideration is given to initiatives, with an increased focus on benefit to the local economy and jobs.

Social Value, ethical sourcing and sustainability procurement practices will remain a key priority. These principles will be embedded across all commercial activity, with the ambition of minimising environmental impact and maximising the social and particularly the economic benefits for Jersey's communities.

b) For procurements valued at over £100,000, social value forms part of the tender evaluation process and carries a minimum weighting of 10%.

Suppliers are required to demonstrate the social value they already deliver and any additional benefits they would provide if awarded the contract. These proposals are assessed alongside the other tender evaluation criteria.

Where social value commitments form part of a successful bid, they are incorporated into the contract and monitored throughout the contract term. Suppliers are required to report on progress, enabling the Government to review delivery and ensure commitments continue to support wider economic, social and environmental outcomes.

The Government encourages social value activity that aligns with key priorities, including supporting jobs and skills, strengthening local communities, retaining economic benefit within the Island, protecting the environment and promoting the sustainable use of resources.

c) Social value became part of the procurement process in 2020. Since then, the number of contracts containing social value commitments has increased year on year, alongside the breadth and impact of outcomes being delivered through suppliers.

Year	No. of contracts	Key achievements
2020/21	1	Funding provided for DEC course; work experience placements; educational site visits
2022	6	Initiatives supporting healthy and active lifestyles; apprenticeships; introduction of pension and medical benefit schemes.
2023	14	Reduction of waste arising from demolition projects; donations to local charities; employment opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged groups.
2024	18	Development of local skills and talent; educational site visits to heritage buildings; opportunities for school children.
2025	36	Transition to electric plant, equipment and fleet vehicles; waste reduction and sustainability initiatives; donation of resources and labour to local sports clubs.
2026 to date	37	Educational bursary awarded to a local student; apprenticeships; support for third sector organisations

d) Social value commitments are monitored throughout the life of a contract to ensure agreed outcomes are being delivered. Suppliers are required to provide regular updates, enabling the Government to review progress and achievement of commitments.

The figures above relate to contracts containing formal social value commitments approved through the Commercial Approvals Board.

Social value commitments are delivering a range of benefits for Islanders through Government contracts. Examples include:

- Supporting community initiatives and opportunities for young people through the donation and repurposing of assets.
- Investing in local skills and workforce development through bursaries, apprenticeships and professional training opportunities.
- Contributing to environmental improvements through the adoption of lower-emission technologies and more sustainable working practices.

e) Support and guidance for suppliers are kept under review. Measures such as early engagement, understanding capacity limits and overall design of procurement processes and delivery that may encourage broader participation in Government procurement.

The Government continues to develop its approach to social value in procurement, ensuring it remains proportionate, accessible and focused on delivering meaningful benefits for Islanders, while supporting skills development, local business growth and investment in the wider community.

As part of this work, the Government will continue to consider relevant best practice from other jurisdictions, as mentioned above.