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Dear Des

During the Oral statement on the publication of Matthew Taylor's report 'Good Work – The Taylor Review of Modern Working Practices' on Tuesday 11 July 2017, I agreed to write to you in response to your question 'what the mean weekly earnings for someone on a zero-hours contract actually are?'.

There is a lack of published official data on the average hourly earnings of those people on zero hour contracts. However, a Trades Union Congress report, Living on the Edge (2016), reports that the median hourly pay for those on a zero hour contract was £7.25 in 2016.

I hope you find this correspondence helpful.

I have placed a copy of this letter in the libraries of both Houses.

Best wishes
Margot

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PS The new Labour market Enforcer will undertake a more comprehensive investigation into labour market abuse which should generate more accurate information