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19 Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier of the Minister for Social Security regarding the impact of rent rises on Income Support (OQ.87/2021):

Further to the response to Written Question 94/2021, will the Minister explain her assessment of the impact of rent rises in the period 2014 to 2021 and the corresponding increases in the rental component of Income Support during this same period?

The following response was provided in writing in accordance with Standing Order 63(9) as the oral question was not asked before the end of the time allowed for Oral Questions:

Two-thirds of Income Support tenants live in social rented accommodation. For the remaining one-third of Income Support tenants that rent in the private sector, my assessment is that accommodation component rates have increased between 23% and 34% depending on the size and type of property. This compares with an increase of 27% in the private sector rental index since it was re-established in Q3 2015.