

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2011**

Question

Will the Minister break down the £91,707,000 cost of Income Support in 2010 to provide the amounts paid out in:

weekly benefit,
residential care,
transition (protected payments),
special payments,
winter fuel allowance and
administration.

Will he also inform members what the impact on the weekly overall payment of the reduction in transition payments in October 2010 was?

Does the Minister have the capacity to further break down the weekly benefit payments into individual the components of income support, and if so, will he give this information to members, and if not, inform members why not?

Answer

The cost of Income Support for 2010 given in answering question 5988 was prepared ahead of the year end accounting adjustments to report for prepayments of benefit and debtors in accordance with accounting standards.

After having made these adjustments, the cost of Income Support in total was £87,801,898 (subject to audit)

Analysed into the above categories required these are as follows:

	(£)
Weekly Benefit	61,669,843
Residential Care	16,713,412
Transition	4,059,753
Special Payments	1,802,064
Winter Fuel	628,669
Administration	<u>2,928,157</u>
	<u>87,801,898</u>

The impact on the weekly overall payment of the reduction in transition payments in October 2010 was a reduction of £22,181. This is shown as follows:

Weekly total transition benefit paid before 1 October was £73,687

Weekly total transition benefit paid immediately after 1 October was £51,506

Income support is a unified benefit and the value of each claim depends on the balance between the needs and the income of individual households. It is not possible to allocate a definitive value to each component as the amount paid will depend on the income of each household.

To estimate the split between the different components, a formula has to be applied to the value of the total benefit. This will be provided once the analysis has been completed.