

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd MAY 2011**

Question

Could the Minister provide a progress report on the implementation of the proposition 'Cold weather payments: amendment to income support' (P.4/2011) which was approved by the States on 6th February 2011?

Does the Minister expect to be in a position to commence cold weather payments to this new group of pensioner households with effect from October of this year?

Answer

The outcome of the amended proposition P.4/2011 was a commitment to consider the reprioritisation of existing expenditure proposals to identify funding for these payments in 2012, within the existing overall 2012 expenditure limit.

This is being done as part of the business planning process. The detailed expenditure proposals for 2012 will be lodged in July and debated in September.

Subject to the outcome of the Business Plan debate in September, legislation will then be prepared for approval by the States.

The current States decision on P.4/2011 did not raise the issue of funding during 2011 and payments will not be available during 2011.