

3.12 Deputy G.P. Southern of the Minister for Social Security regarding the review of Income Support:

Will the Minister inform Members when he expects to have his review of Income Support completed and, in particular, can he state whether he has yet decided on a format for the publication of a breakdown of the £90 million plus Income Support budget in order to bring a measure of transparency and accountability to this large expenditure?

Senator F. du H. Le Gresley (The Minister for Social Security):

One major element of the income support review has already been published. A report covering the interaction between Income Support and Employment was issued as R.87 of 2011 on 19th July. My department is currently working very closely with the Housing Department on the future of rental support within the income support system and an independent review of private sector rentals is being prepared. Other aspects of the income support review will be undertaken during 2012 and I would expect to complete this work by the end of the year. I can confirm that I intend in future to publish an annual analysis of income support expenditure following publication of the States Accounts.

3.12.1 Deputy G.P. Southern:

Does the Minister already have a formula to suggest to him what that publication will look like and if so, can he publish that format?

Senator F. du H. Le Gresley:

There is a lot of information held within the computer system. It has not yet been presented to me in a format that I could release to Members but I have already given an assurance that this will be done following publication of the States Accounts.