

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th MARCH 2012**

Question

Will the Minister explain to members the implications, in terms of service delivery or savings, of the 2012 – 2015 figures (given in Figure 1 of the Discussion Draft: Strategic Plan Resources Statement circulated on 21st February 2012) under the following headings –

Prices – Housing Rents
Income Support Model adjustment
Supplementation Formula adjustment?

Answer

This is a very difficult question to answer simply. Many factors (already in the public domain) influence the spending areas in the question – for example number of Income Support claimants and Social Security contributions of individuals.

The figures referred to by the Deputy are the annual adjustments to cash limits, in line with current policies, and are required to maintain the *current* level of service or benefit. The amount of the adjustments varies from year to year based on the particular factors (such as the examples above) included in the formula.