

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 17th JUNE 2014**

**Question**

Would the Minister advise approximately how much his Department has paid out in each of the first five years of Income Support?

**Answer**

This information is provided in the States accounts that are published annually.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total	74,055,946	83,296,411	84,873,741	87,332,192	91,194,817	92,070,157

Income Support started on 28th January 2008, therefore figures for 2008 also include benefits paid under predecessor schemes during January.

The benefits replaced in 2008 by Income Support included:

- Adult Disablement Allowance (ADA)
- Attendance Allowance (AA)
- Child Disablement Allowance (CDA)
- Childcare Allowance
- Educational Maintenance Allowance
- Disability Transport Allowance (DTA)
- Family Allowance
- Health Insurance Exception (HIE)
- Home Study Grant
- Parish Welfare
- Rent Abatement
- Rent Rebate
- School-Age Discount Scheme
- Welfare Milk

The income support law provides weekly support and one off payments to a wide range of local residents and families including care home residents, pensioners, people with disabilities, families with children, low income working families and jobseekers.

The total cost of benefits provided under income support has increased by 24% since its introduction in 2008. The increasing cost reflects the response of the government to the difficult economic conditions experienced during this period and the additional assistance needed to support low income individuals and families. The increase of just under 1% between 2012 and 2013 indicates the positive impact of the back to work scheme as well as the general slow improvement in the wider economy.