

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 24TH MAY 2016**

**Question**

Could the Minister provide the number of people who were registered with her department as being self-employed each year for the past 5 years, as well as how much was raised in Class 2 Social Security contributions for each of those years?

**Answer**

The Social Security system requires working age adults to be registered as either class one or class two and to pay contributions accordingly. An individual is registered as class one if they are employed for eight hours or more a week. All other groups of working age people are registered as class two. This includes individuals who are self-employed, but also other groups such as individuals who have a private income, people who have retired and other people who are not working. Some individuals with no or a very low income can apply to be exempted from making class two contributions.

The number of individuals registered as class two and paying contributions over the last five years is shown in the table below. This provides the detail of the number of people who made class two contributions for every month throughout the whole of the year in question, and an additional number who made class 2 contributions for some months but not all of that year. For example, this would include an individual who moved from employment into self-employment during the year.

Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Class 2 paid for full year	3100	3111	3076	3079	3172
Class 2 paid for part year	1928	1799	1756	1850	1753
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5028</b>	<b>4910</b>	<b>4832</b>	<b>4929</b>	<b>4925</b>

The contributions collected from this group are published each year in the departmental annual report and are shown in the second table.

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total of Class 2 contributions below SEL (£000)	16,169	15,544	14,971	15,802
Total of Class 2 contributions above SEL (£000)		1,974	2,136	2,159
<b>Total Class 2 Contribution (£000)</b>	<b>16,169</b>	<b>17,518</b>	<b>17,107</b>	<b>17,961</b>

Note: contributions above the Standard Earnings Limit (SEL) were introduced in 2012. The figures for 2015 will be published as part of the 2015 Annual Report.

A major review of the sustainability of the Social Security Fund is currently in the planning stage and a public consultation is scheduled for later this year. As part of the review we will be looking

at the level of contributions paid by the self-employed. The full review will last several years but the section on self-employed contributions will be one of the first areas to be examined in detail.