

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 14TH MARCH 2017**

Question

What has been the cost of Income Support payments for each year since the inception of the Income Support system until the present time?

Answer

The new Income Support system commenced on 28th January 2008. The table below sets out the costs of Income Support from 2008 to 2015, as stated in the Annual Accounts.

2016 accounts have been prepared, but are unaudited, so have been excluded from this answer.

Year	£'000
2008	76,171
2009	85,961
2010	87,802
2011	87,332
2012	88,841
2013	92,070
2014	85,117
2015	74,827

Note that the range of costs included in the Income Support budget has changed during this time. Transitional payments were included at the inception of the scheme which have reduced over time. Residential care costs were added to the scheme from 2009 and subsequently phased out during 2014 and 2015. Administrative costs are included within the totals for years prior to 2011.