

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2019**

Question

Will the Minister provide an estimate of the cost of administering the current Income Support system; has she undertaken any assessment of the potential cost of implementing a universal basic level of income and, of so, will she state the potential cost; and, if not, will she commit to undertaking such an assessment?

Answer

The costs of administering Income Support for 2018 are £2,072,000. This includes all staff costs, overtime, social security contributions and employer pension contributions. In addition, there are administration costs that are shared with Customer and Local Services as whole, for example premises, utility and IT costs.

Universal Basic Income (UBI) is a model for providing all citizens with a given regular sum of money, regardless of their income, assets or employment status. There has been no assessment of the cost of implementing a UBI scheme in Jersey and this project is not included in the current ministerial work plan.