

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2019**

Question

How much was spent on housing benefit for 2017 and 2018 in the following areas?

- (a) Andium Homes tenants;
- (b) Tenants in private rental accommodation; and
- (c) Tenants in Housing Trust accommodation.

Answer

This information is provided in the Social Security annual report. The 2017 report was published as [R.109/2018](#).

The calculation to produce these figures is described in the 2017 annual report as follows:

“As the value of Income Support paid to a particular household depends not only on the mix of components that it is entitled to, but also on the other income received by the household, it is not straightforward to report on the value of each component in the total expenditure for Income Support. However, to enable an analysis of the total cost to be undertaken, a method of allocating costs within the various components has been developed. This method divides the actual Income Support benefit received by a household in proportion to the gross value of each of the components that the household is eligible for, to allocate a specific net value to each of the components. ... In order to compare the total spend in 2017 across the range of components, it is necessary to examine expenditure throughout the year. The mix of claims changes over time and the values of some components were increased during the year. The following analysis includes data taken from each month of the year to ensure that trends in the take-up of Income Support and rate changes during the year are represented, and provides approximate net values for the cost of each component group.”

2017

Tenure	Total £
Andium Homes	16,613,000
Other Trust Rental	3,233,000
Private Rental	8,903,000
Other	777,000
Owner Occupier	16,000
Total	29,544,000

Equivalent calculations have been undertaken for the 2018 data. These figures are currently provisional and are subject to change, pending the approval and publication of the States Accounts.

2018

Tenure	Total £
Andium Homes	16,794,000
Other Trust Rental	3,455,000
Private Rental	9,127,000
Other	778,000
Owner Occupier	14,000
Total	30,168,000