

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. LAWRENCE
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 12th APRIL 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 19th APRIL 2021**

Question

In relation to the payment of the Residence Order allowance that is administered by Fostering and Adoption, will the Minister state –

- (a) when this payment was introduced;
- (b) who is eligible for it; and
- (c) how these individuals are notified of their eligibility?

Answer

- (a) The allowance was introduced in May 2016
- (b) Carers of children who live with them in accordance with a Residence Order supported by the Minister. Parents or step-parents are not eligible.
- (c) If eligible the Fostering and Adoption Team Manager will write formally to the carers to inform them.

The process is as below:

1. The decision to recommend a Residence Order with a Residence Order Allowance must be reflected in the Child in Need Plan/Care Plan.
2. Residence Order Allowances will be agreed at the Placement and Resource Panel. The decision will be based on the report and recommendation of the social worker.
3. The Fostering and Adoption Team manager will write formally to the carers to inform them of the decision to grant a Residence Order Allowance and ensure that a Residence Order Allowance agreement is signed by the carers. An annual review of the suitability of the arrangement will be undertaken by the Fostering and Adoption Team.

NB. The policy came in effect in May 2016, so for any Residence Orders granted prior to this date this policy does not apply, although individual circumstances are taken into account.